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KAPLAN, IAN THEODORE (1946-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-ninth District,
Forsyth County.

Born in Greensboro on December 26, 1946, Kaplan was the son of Leon Kaplan, a business administrator from New York City, and Renee Myers, a business administrator from Hagerstown, Maryland. He was graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School in 1965, and attended Guilford College. Kaplan served as a seaman in the United States Navy, 1967-73. After a brief career in sales, Kaplan began operating a school supply business at the age of twenty-six. He presently holds the position of vice-president of Kaplan School Supply Corporation of Winston-Salem. House committees: Appropriations Committee on the Base Budget, Local Government, Mental Health, Natural and Economic Resources. Jewish. Single.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

KEESEE, MARGARET POLLARD (1945-)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-third District, Guilford County.

Born in Greensboro on January 6, 1945, Keesee was the daughter of Charles Rogers Keesee, a salesman from Burlington, and Margaret Lena Kersey, a saleswoman from Danville, Virginia. One of three children, she attended the public schools of Greensboro and was graduated from Grimsley Senior High School in 1963. After receiving a B.A. degree from Guilford College in 1967, Keesee studied early childhood education at Radford College in Virginia. She presently teaches in the Greensboro Public Schools. Keesee was the first woman from Guilford County to be elected to the General Assembly. In 1974 she gained national attention by sponsoring legislation to "Limit the Use of Corporal Punishment in North Carolina Schools". Professional organizations: North Carolina Association of Educators; Association of Classroom Teachers; and the American Association of University Women. House committees: Conservation and Development, Correctional Institutions, Education, Employment Security, Mental Health, Public Welfare. State organizations: North Carolina Women's Political Caucus, state secretary, 1973-74; and the North Carolina Women's Year Conference, workshop leader, 1977. Political activities: member, North Carolina and National Young Republicans; and vice-chairwoman, Guilford County Republican Party. Methodist. Single.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Questionnaire, February, 1978.

KEMP, CLARENCE EDWARD (1921-)

House, General Assemblies of 1957, 1959, and 1961; Democrat, Guilford County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat, Twenty-first District (1965-66) and the Eighteenth District (1967), Guilford County.

The son of William Thomas Kemp, a merchant from Henry County, Virginia, and Etta Geneva Dailey of Rockingham County, Kemp was born in High Point on August 24, 1921. He was graduated from High Point High School in 1938 and attended Duke University for two years. Kemp served with the United States Marine Corps during World War II (1942-46). During his tour of duty he served as a combat intelligence officer in the South Pacific. Recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict, Kemp was released in 1952 after he attained the rank of captain. In 1948 he had earned his bachelors degree from High Point College. As an early career Kemp had worked as a staff writer for the Greensboro Daily News and the High Point Enterprise. Since that time Kemp has been engaged in advertising, public relations, real estate, restaurant and motel management, and several other businesses. Business affiliations: EKA Advertising, president; Mat Service, Inc., president; American Land Company, Inc., secretary-treasurer; Repro/Grafix, Inc., vice-president; Kemprint, Inc., vice-president; Seaemp, Inc., president; Sheraton of High Point, Inc., vice-president; and Coach House Restaurants, Inc., president. House committees: (chairman) Local Government, Congressional Districts; (vice-chairman) Finance. Senate committees: (chairman) Congressional Redistricting; (vice-chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Local Government; Finance; Journal, Enrolling and Printing. State organizations: North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, 1968-72. Memberships: Elks; Moose; and Rotary Club. Methodist. Spouse: Jessie Dean Russell, December 4, 1949. Children: Alan Dean; and Jon Edward. Relatives in General Assembly: Ramey Floyd Kemp, brother (Davie-House-1978).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957-61; 1965-67.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
 Questionnaire of Ramey F. Kemp, February, 1978.

KEMP, RAMEY FLOYD (1919-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Thirtieth District, Davie County. Governor Hunt appointed him to the House on January 28, 1978, to replace Peter W. Hairston who had resigned to become a Superior Court judge.

Born in High Point on September 29, 1919, Kemp was the son of William Thomas Kemp, a merchant from Henry County, Virginia, and Etta Geneva Dailey of Rockingham County. Kemp attended Logan Chiropractic College and studied chiropractic medicine. A private first class in the United States Army, Kemp served in the Pacific Theatre, 1944-46. He works as a self-employed chiropractor in Mocksville, and specializes in Roentgenology (x-ray). Professional organizations: Board of Chiropractic Examiners, president. Memberships: Loyal Order of Moose, state president. Methodist. Spouse: Emily Lucille Betts, Guilford County, August 4, 1939. Children: Ramey Floyd, Jr; and Gregg Dailey. Relatives in General Assembly: Clarence Edward Kemp, brother (Guilford-House-1957, 1959, 1961; Senate-1965-66, 1967).

Sources: Questionnaire, February, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

KEMP, WILLIAM POWELL, JR. (1923-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971 and 1973-74; Democrat, Tenth District (1971) and the Ninth District (1973-74), Wayne County.

On March 1, 1923, William P. Kemp, Jr., was born in Easton, Maryland. He was the son of William Powell Kemp, a furniture manufacturer from Easton, and Elizabeth Middleton Atherholt of Homesburg, Pennsylvania. One of three children, Kemp attended the public schools of Goldsboro and George School in George School, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet from 1943 to 1945. Kemp earned a B.S. degree in commerce from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1948. In addition, he was graduated from the U.N.C. Executive Program in 1970. Like his father, Kemp was engaged in furniture manufacturing and since 1966 has served as president of Kemp Furniture Industries, Inc., of Goldsboro. He served as coach of the wrestling team at Goldsboro High School for sixteen years and also worked as a scoutmaster for twenty years. Professional organizations: Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association, director and president; and the National Association of Manufacturers, director. House committees: (chairman) Employment Security; (vice-chairman) Higher Education. Municipal positions: chairman Goldsboro Recreation Department; chairman, Goldsboro Downtown Association; and member, Goldsboro Commission and Human Relation Council. Educational activities: trustee, Guilford College; member, North Carolina State University Engineering School Advisory Council; and director and president, Goldsboro College Aid Fund. Boards: Goldsboro First Union National Bank; Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, and Gold-Wayne Opportunities Center, Inc. Memberships: Jaycees; and Goldsboro Rotary Club. Quaker. Spouse: Betty Jean Schneider, Los Angeles, California, July 5, 1945. Children: Elizabeth; William P. III; and Sallie. Relatives in General Assembly: William Powell Kemp, father, (Wayne-House-1953, 1955-56).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955; 1971-73.
Questionnaire, February, 1979.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

KENNEDY, HAROLD LILLARD, JR. (1926-)

House, General Assembly of *1978; Democrat, Forsyth County. *Governor Hunt appointed him to the House effective February 17, 1978, to replace Richard C. Erwin who had resigned.

Born in Winston-Salem on October 8, 1926, Kennedy was the son of Harold Lillard Kennedy, a real estate salesman from Raleigh, and Willie Hall, a teacher from Winston-Salem. An only child, he attended Virginia State College and earned his law degree at Howard University. As an early occupation Kennedy worked in transportation services, but at the age of twenty-seven he began a law practice. He currently serves as a partner in the firm of Kennedy, Kennedy, Kennedy, and Kennedy in Winston-Salem. Municipal organizations, Winston-Salem Redevelopment Commission. Episcopalian. Spouse: Annie Brown, Atlanta, Georgia, lawyer, December 23, 1950.

Sources: Questionnaire, August, 1978.

KERR, JOHN HOSEA, JR. (1900-1968)

House, General Assemblies of 1929, 1939, 1941, *1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Edgecombe County (1929), and Warren County. *Speaker.

Senate, General Assembly of 1955-56; Democrat, Third District, Warren County.

Born in Warrenton on May 19, 1900, Kerr was the son of John Hosea Kerr, a lawyer from Yanceyville, Caswell County, and Ella Lillian Foote of Warrenton. He attended the public schools of Warrenton until 1917 when he was graduated from Graham Academy as an honor graduate and valedictorian. During World War I he served as a private in the United States Army. Kerr obtained an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1921. There, he distinguished himself as a debator and business manager of the Tar Heel. Kerr received his legal education at the Wake Forest College Law School (1922-23) and George Washington University. He began a law practice in Rocky Mount at the age of twenty-three. In 1931 he moved his practice to Warrenton and later became a partner in the firm of Kerr and Kerr. Kerr was one of the most noted orators and influential legislators of his day in the General Assembly. He was credited with securing legislation for the establishment of the North Carolina Museum of Art in 1947; it was the first state-supported art museum in the nation. Kerr was responsible for obtaining the initial state appropriation for the North Carolina Institute of Government and was a key supporter of the North Carolina School of the Arts. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage at Warren General Hospital on May 28, 1968. Kerr was buried at the Fairview Cemetery in Warrenton. Professional organizations, North Carolina Bar Association. House committees: (chairman) Rules, Constitutional Amendments, Finance, Appropriations, University Trustee. County organizations: Warren County Democratic Executive Committee, chairman. Trustee: Warren General Hospital, chairman; and the University of North Carolina. Director, Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Norlina. Political activities: co-founder, North Carolina Young Democrats. Baptist. Spouse: Mary Hinton Duke, Richmond, Virginia, November 12, 1932. Children: John H. III, Goldsboro. Relatives in General Assembly: John Kerr (deceased September, 1879), grandfather (Caswell-House of Commons-1858-59, 1860-61). Relatives in **state and federal office**: John Kerr, grandfather (judge, North Carolina Superior Court, 1862; 1874-79); (United States Congress, 1853-55); John Kerr, father (judge, North Carolina Superior Court, 1916-23); (United States Congress, 1923-52; Kerr Lake named in his honor).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1929; 1939-49; 1955-63.
 Questionnaire, John H. Kerr III, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
 Powell, William S. Dictionary of North Carolina Biography.
 Powell, William S. When the Past Refused to Die: A History of Caswell County, North Carolina, 1777-1977. Durham; Moore Publishing Company, 1977.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1969-Resolutions.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), May 30, 1968.

KILLIAN, CARL DAN (1903-1976)

Senate, General Assembly of 1971; Democrat, Thirty-third District, Jackson County.

Born in Hayesville on April 10, 1903, Killian was the son of Paul Bismarck Killian, a physician born in Hiwassee, Georgia, and Maud Moss. Killian attended Hayesville High School, 1915-1918, and was graduated from Pelham High School in Pelham, Georgia, in 1919. He gained a B.S. degree in 1924 at North Carolina State College, earned an M.A. degree in 1927 at Columbia University, and obtained a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1932. From 1926 to 1928 Killian had taught at Central State Teachers College at Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The following year he had been employed as an instructor at the University of Texas. Subsequently, he taught English and served as principal of Hayesville High School before joining the faculty at Western Carolina Teachers College in 1935 as head of the Department of Education and Psychology. Killian served on the faculty and as dean of the above department for thirty-three years and also directed the extension division of the school. Before his retirement from Western Carolina in 1968, Killian had pioneered numerous educational programs that were of state and national significance. He established the first guidance clinic in the state at Western Carolina in 1938. The two program evolved out of this clinic--a special school for intellectually-gifted children and special educational programs for the mentally retarded--became state and national models. In addition, Killian initiated the first organized instructional program in audiovisual education in North Carolina, established the first speech and hearing center in the western region, and developed special classes for disabled readers. In the 1960's he established the first comprehensive mental health-mental retardation center on a college campus. Killian also initiated a psychological testing center, organized Western Carolina's first off-campus extension courses, established the first Teacher Corps project in the state in 1966, and started the initial summer program for the blind in 1967. Governor Luther Hodges appointed Killian in 1959 to head a legislative study commission to study the public school education for exceptional children. The General Assembly of 1961 adopted many of his proposals and passed a bill that provided the first comprehensive program for gifted children in the United States and established the Governor's School at Winston-Salem. In addition to his improvements in education, Killian also was concerned about upgrading the medical facilities and health care services in the rural mountain counties. In the late 1960's he founded the State of Franklin Health Council, an agency created to improve health and medical care in the region. Killian served as president of the above organization from 1968 to 1970. Following a short illness Killian died in Sylva Hospital on January 29, 1976. He was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Cullowhee. Professional organizations: North Carolina Education Association; National Education Association; North Carolina and American psychological Associations; American Personnel and Guidance Association; and American Association of Colleges For Teacher Education, institutional representative. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Education; Mental Health. State organizations: Advisory Conference Committee on Extension to the Board of

Higher Education, chairman; North Carolina Advisory Council on Teacher Education, Department of Public Instruction; North Carolina Board of Mental Health, Children's Programs Committee, 1965-71; North Carolina Federation of the Council of Exceptional Children; president; North Carolina College Conference; Western North Carolina Regional Planning Commission, chairman, 1969- ; Southwestern North Carolina Economic Development Commission, 1966- ; and North Carolina Council on Higher Education for Adults, founder. Awards and honors: (listed in) American Men of Service; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; North Carolina Lives; International Dictionary of Biographies; two feature articles, Life Magazine; and the education and psychology building at Western Carolina named in his honor. Memberships: Rotary Club; Mason, and the Royal Society of Health in England, fellow. Baptist, deacon. Spouse: Winnie Alice Murphy, Asheville, teacher, August 28, 1940. Children: Carl D., Jr. (born March 22, 1949), Cambridge, Massachusetts, and St. Gallin, Switzerland. Relatives in General Assembly: Paul Bismarck Killian, father (Clay-House-1915, 1931); Wiley Abbott McGlamery, brother-in-law (Clay-House-1965-66, 1967).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1915; 1931; 1971.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The Asheville Citizen, January 30, 1976.
Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1971-72.
Session Laws of North Carolina, 1977-Resolutions.
North Carolina Lives: Who's Who in N.C., 1962.

KINCAID, DONALD RAYVAUGHN (1936-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, and 1971; Republican, Forty-second District, Caldwell County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and *1977-78; Republican, Twenty-fourth District, Caldwell County. *Minority leader.

Born in Lenoir on June 2, 1936, Kincaid was the son of Hugh T. Kincaid, a forester, and Myrtle McCall of Lenoir. He was graduated from Gamewell High School in 1954 and received a B.S. degree from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1959. In addition, Kincaid attended Clevenger's Business College. He began a teaching career after college, but at the age of twenty-eight he entered the insurance business. He owns and manages Kincaid Insurance Agency in Lenoir. Kincaid served in the North Carolina National Guard for nine years. Professional organizations, Carolina Association of Educators. Senate committees: (chairman) Base Budget; (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Appropriations Subcommittee on Government Planning and Personnel. Federal organizations: Advisory Committees, Southeastern Parks, United States Department of Interior. State organizations: North Carolina Board of Agriculture; and the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. Memberships: Lenoir Lions Club, secretary and lion tamer. Baptist: assistant teacher, Young Married Men's Class. Spouse: Syretha Weatherford, Caldwell County, secretary, June 30, 1956. Children: three.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1967-77.
 Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

KING, JENNINGS GRAHAM (1908-1977)

House, General Assembly of 1937; Democrat, Scotland County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1961 and 1965-66; Democrat, Eighteenth District (1961) and the Twenty-second District (1965-66), Scotland County.

Born in Durham on July 11, 1908, King was the son of Thomas Wesley King, an insurance salesman from Hartsville, South Carolina, and Bessie Odom of Bennettsville, South Carolina. He was reared in Laurinburg and attended Laurinburg High School, 1921-25. King received a B.A. degree from Duke University in 1929 and finished law school at Duke in 1930. He immediately began a law career and operated a practice in Laurinburg under the name of Jennings G. King, Attorney-at-Law. King served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945. In addition, he held the position of president of Spero-Cox, Inc. While in the General Assembly he sponsored legislation on court reform and reapportionment. King died in Laurinburg on December 25, 1977. Professional organizations: Thirteenth District (president, 1936-37), Sixteenth District (first president), North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Interstate and Federal Relations; (vice-chairman) Rules. State organizations: State Bar Council, 1949-52. Municipal positions: attorney, Laurinburg. Memberships: Lions Club, president. Methodist. Spouse: Vertie Doretha Prince, Grady County, Georgia, teacher (college level), June 5, 1943. Children: Jennings G., Jr.; and Carolyn Elizabeth (Mrs. Byron Johnson).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1937; 1961; 1965.
 Questionnaire, Mrs. Jennings G. King, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), December 27, 1977.

KIRBY, JAMES RUSSELL (1922-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963, 1965-66, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-1976; Democrat, Sixth District (1963), Twelfth District (1965-1966), Eighth District (1969-1972), and the Seventh District (1973-1976), Wilson County.

One of three children, Kirby was born in Lucama, Wilson County, on February 17, 1922. He was the son of James Sanford Kirby, a farmer from Wilson County, and Cora Scott of Wayne County. Kirby earned a B.S. degree in commerce at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1943. For the next two years he served in the United States Army and attained the rank of sergeant. Kirby received his legal education at the U.N.C. Law School, where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1948. He had farmed as an early occupation but began a law practice at the age of twenty-six. Kirby presently serves as an attorney with the firm of Kirby & Clark in Wilson. Senate committees: (chairman) Local Government, Higher Education, Finance; (vice-chairman) Judiciary, Banking, Election Laws, Highway Safety, Finance, Wildlife. State organizations: Traffic Code Commission, chairman; State Education Assistance Authority; State Board of Higher Education, executive committee, 1969 and 1971; General Statutes Commission; Legislative Research Commission, Health Subcommittee; Committee on Lawful Role of Nurses; North Carolina Courts Commission, 1972; Advisory Budget Commission, 1973-1974; Special Senate Commission on North Carolina Revenue Laws, chairman, 1974; and the Patrick Henry Memorial Commission, trustee. Municipal positions: mayor, Wilson. Political activities: delegate, 1964 National Democratic Convention; candidate, United States Congress, Second District, 1976. Memberships: Mason; Elk; and Rotary Club. Methodist. Spouse: Rebekah Fulghum (divorced), Kenly, Johnston County, December 20, 1946. Children: James R. II; David Fulghum; and Jane Darden.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1963-1965; 1969-1975.
 Questionnaire, November, 1978,
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

KIRK, PHILLIP JAMES, JR. (1944-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1971; Republican, Twenty-third District, Rowan County. *Although elected to the 1973-74 session, he resigned on December 15, 1972, to become administrative assistant to Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr.

The son of Phillip James Kirk and Geneva Bostian of Salisbury, Kirk was born in that Rowan County city on November 24, 1944. His father was employed in railroading, while his mother was engaged in dietetics. Kirk attended East Rowan High School, 1959-63, and was graduated from Catawba College in 1967 with an A.B. degree in English and secondary education. In addition, he studied adult and community college education at North Carolina State University. As an early occupation Kirk taught at Boyden High School in Salisbury. He also worked as a part-time reporter for the Salisbury Evening Post. At the age of twenty-five Kirk entered a career in government administration. After serving in the General Assembly he held the position of administrative assistant to Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr. from December, 1972 through April, 1976. Effective April 6, 1976, he was appointed secretary of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, replacing David T. Flaherty who resigned to run for governor. After serving the remainder of Flaherty's term, Kirk was named vice-president of operations of United Care Management Company in Whiteville, Columbus County. In January, 1978, he assumed the duties of administrative assistant to Congressman James Thomas Broyhill in Washington, D.C. Professional organizations: North Carolina Association of Education; and the Association of Classroom Teachers. Senate committees: Appropriations, Congressional Redistricting, Education, Higher Education, Libraries, Local Government, State Policies. State organizations: North Carolina Indian Commission, 1976; North Carolina State Government Awards Commission, 1976-77; Commission of Youth Services, 1976-77; Council on State Goals and Policy, 1971-74; Community College Study Commission; Southeast Institute For Human Development, secretary, 1976; and Council of State, Executive Cabinet, secretary, 1973-76. County organizations: Rowan Citizens For Better Libraries; and Rowan Mentally Retarded Association. Political activities: state chairman, North Carolina Teenage Republicans, 1962-63; state chairman, North Carolina Young Republicans, 1969-71; chairman, Rowan County Republican Party, 1968-70; and secretary, Joint Republican Caucus, 1971-72. Memberships: board of directors, American Cancer Society, North Carolina Division; Catawba College Alumni Association, vice-chairman, 1975-78; and Salisbury Optimist Club, president, 1967. Presbyterian. Spouse: Carolyn Parks, Rowan County, secretary, June 11, 1966. Children: Angela Carole.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971.

Questionnaire, February, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

North Carolina State Archives, Governor's Office, Appointment Books, James E. Holshouser, Jr., 1973-76.

KISER, KENNETH KING (1930-)

House, General Assembly of *1973-74; Republican, Thirty-fourth District, Caldwell County. *Governor Holshouser appointed him to the House on March 4, 1974, to replace William E. Stevens who had resigned.

One of four children born to Lawrence King Kiser and Margaret Hudson, textile manufacturers from Cabarrus County, Kiser was born in Concord on July 5, 1930. He was educated in the public schools of Concord and attended Appalachian State Teachers College. In addition, Kiser studied tax assessing at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. As an early occupation he was employed as an engineer and served as plant manager of Kohler & Campbell, Inc. At the age of thirty-six he became the owner of Wax-Crafters, Inc., a Concord-based corporation which manufactures wax discs for textile mills. Kiser also serves as a safety consultant. In 1973, when the OSHA Program was started in North Carolina, he had been appointed as the first chairman of the OSHA Review Board in North Carolina. Kiser set up the office, trained the staff, and wrote the rules and procedures for the program. The board serves as the legal arm of the program. Kiser has taught OSHA classes in several community colleges and universities in the state. Professional organizations: American Institute of Industrial Engineers, committee chairman. House committees: (vice-chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education. County positions: tax supervisor, Caldwell County. Publications: (articles) Textile World. Methodist. Spouse: Margaret Ellen Kiser, Guilford County, business administrator, August 28, 1976.

Sources: Questionnaire, Ellen Kiser, wife, October, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

KISER, ROGER CLINTON (1894-1971)

House, General Assemblies of 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965-66, and 1967; Democrat, Scotland County (1949-66), and the Twenty-fourth District (1967), Scotland County.

Born in King, Stokes County, on August 30, 1894, Kiser was the son of Edwin Kiser, a farmer from King, and Amy Florence Butner. One of three children, he attended the public and private schools of Stokes County and was graduated from Piedmont High School in Cleveland County. During World War I Kiser organized and commanded Company H, 5th Development Battalion, at Camp McArthur in Waco, Texas. Kiser attended Guilford College, studied law at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and majored in education at the Teachers College of Columbia University and Appalachian State Teachers College. As his primary career he taught mathematics and history in the public schools and at the college level. In addition, Kiser served as a principal. Kiser taught primarily in Scotland County but also worked in Maxton, Star, and Greensboro. In addition, he farmed as a parallel occupation. Kiser died on February 14, 1971. Professional organizations: American Farm Bureau Federation; and the Aberdeen Tobacco Board of Trade. House committees: (chairman) Public Welfare, Education; (vice-chairman) Library, Salaries and Fees, Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement. Memberships: Rotary Club; Scotland County Farmers Club; American Legion; and Mason. Baptist and Methodist. Spouse: Gertrude Margaret Bedell, Brooklyn, New York, teacher, August 14, 1926. Children: Dorothy May (Mrs. Philip J. Crutchfield); and Edwin Martin. Relatives in General Assembly: Edwin Kiser, father (Stokes-House-1917, 1919-20).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1949-67.
Questionnaire, Mrs. Roger C. Kiser, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), February 16, 1971.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1971-Resolutions.

KNOX, HADEN EDWARD (1937-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1971 and 1973-74; Democrat, Twenty-seventh District (1971) and the Twenty-second District, (1973-74), Mecklenburg County.

Born in Davidson on January 22, 1937, Knox was the son of Ralph Brevard Knox, a farmer from Huntersville, Mecklenburg County, and Annie Wells Barkley of Long Creek, Mecklenburg County. One of eight children, he attended North Mecklenburg High School. Knox received a B.S. degree in 1959 from North Carolina State College, where he served as president of the Student Body. In 1963 he was graduated from Wake Forest Law School with an LL.B. degree and served as president of the Student Bar Association. He farmed as an early occupation, but at the age of twenty-five he was admitted to the State Bar and began a law practice. Knox currently is affiliated with the firm of Wardlow, Knox & Knox in Charlotte. Professional organizations: North Carolina, 26th Judicial District, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts. State organizations: North Carolina Prison Commission; Mental Health Commission; Advisory Budget Commission, chairman; Governor Morehead School For the Blind, board of directors, 1965-69; Special Study Committee on Legislation For School For the Blind and Deaf, 1968; and the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 1967-70. County organizations: Mecklenburg County Water Bond Expansion Team, chairman, 1968. Municipal organizations: Charlotte City Bond Referendum, Advisory Committee, 1969. Awards: Outstanding Young Alumnus, North Carolina State University Alumni Association, 1970; Mecklenburg Distinguished Service Award, 1968; Outstanding Young Man of America Award, 1969; and Outstanding Young Man of North Carolina Award, 1969. Presbyterian. Spouse: Frances Yvonne Stegall, Cabarrus County, secretary, August 2, 1957. Children: Cynthia, Bryan, and Ashley.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-73.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

LACHOT, WILLIS HENRY, JR. (1933-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-ninth District, Burke County.

Born in Hickory on January 14, 1933, Lachot was the son of Willis Henry Lachot, a baker from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Lula Treat Chapman, a nurse from Lexington, Oklahoma. One of three children, he grew up in Rutherford College, Burke County, and was graduated from Valdese High School in 1951. Lachot earned a B.S. degree at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1955. He is employed as an insurance agent with First Insurance Agency, Inc., in Morganton. Professional associations, Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina. House committees: (vice-chairman) Appropriations Committee on Human Resources and Corrections, Corporations. Baptist, deacon. Spouse: Rowena Artessa Gee (deceased March 10, 1978), Buncombe County, teacher, December 19, 1954. Children: Wesley Dean; Don; Lynn; Perry; and Ann.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-77.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.

LACKEY, PLEAS (1906-)

House, General Assembly of 1959; Democrat, Alexander County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1975-1976; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Alexander County.

The son of Edwin Everette Lackey, a merchant and chair manufacturer from Hiddenite, and Jane Adline Sharpe, a teacher from Hiddenite, Lackey was born in that Alexander County town on March 29, 1906. One of seven children, he was educated in the public schools of Hiddenite and attended Kings Business College in Raleigh. During World War II Lackey served in the United States Air Force, 1942-1945, and attained the rank of corporal. He worked with his father for many years in the Murdock Chair Manufacturing Corporation in Alexander County. Lackey served as manager of the company until it was closed in 1955. From 1958 until his retirement in 1973, he was employed as assistant manager of the Western Auto Store in Taylorsville. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Education. State organizations: Crime Control Study Commission; and the North Carolina Railroad Company, director. County positions: precinct chairman, Alexander County; and trustee, Alexander County Hospital. Memberships: American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Lions Club. Baptist: finance committee; and grounds and building committee. Spouse: Clarice Allen (deceased), Taylorsville, teacher, May 21, 1928.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1959; 1975.
Questionnaire, October, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

*LACY, PHILIP LEWIS (1925-)

House, General Assembly of 1963; Republican, Guilford County.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, on July 15, 1925, Lacy was the son of Luther David Lacy, Sr. and Bessie Dorset. He was graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond and served in the United States Navy from February 2 to December 16, 1944. Lacy studied transportation and traffic management for four years during night classes at the University of Virginia. In addition, he later was enrolled at Richmond Business College. Lacy was employed as a transportation representative in Greensboro. Professional organizations, Greensboro Traffic and Transportation Club. House committees: Appropriations, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind, Elections and Election Laws, Employment Security, Expenditures of the House, Highway Safety, Irrigation and Drainage, Mental Institutions, Public Buildings and Grounds, Wildlife Resources, Enrolled Bills. Memberships: Greensboro Sertoma Club; and Mason. Baptist: church clerk, 1959-1963; chairman, deacons, 1961-1962; lay representative, Piedmont Association, 1959; and vice-president, Piedmont Baptist Brotherhood Association, 1961-1962. Spouse: Millicent Rosamond Glascock, May 25, 1947.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
 *Could not locate.

LAKE, ISAAC BEVERLY, JR. (1934-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Fourteenth District, Wake County.

The only child of Isaac Beverly Lake, a lawyer and college professor from Wake Forest, and Gertrude McKinley Bell of Raleigh, Lake was born in Raleigh on January 30, 1934. He was reared in Wake Forest and attended the public schools there from 1940 to 1951. Lake attended various military schools and Mars Hill College before he earned a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1955. By 1960 he attained a J.D. degree from the Wake Forest College Law School. Lake served in the United States Army Reserve, Army Intelligence, from 1955 to 1968 (active duty 1956-58), and attained the rank of captain. As an early occupation he was engaged as a newspaper reporter, but in 1960 he was admitted to the State Bar and the United States District Courts, Eastern and Middle Districts, and began a law practice. He has been associated with the firms of Fletcher and Lake; Lake, Boyce & Lake; and Boyce, Lake & Burns in Raleigh. From 1969 to 1974 Lake served as assistant attorney general of North Carolina and held the position of deputy attorney general, 1974-76. He currently serves as president of the law firm of Lake and Nelson and specializes in public utility rates and regulation. Professional organizations: Wake County (executive director) and North Carolina bar associations; and (admitted to practice) United States Tax Court, 1973, and the United States Court of Appeals, 1976. Senate committees: (chairman) Public Utilities and Energy; (vice-chairman) State Government. Federal organizations: National Defense Executive Reserve, 1968-70 (liaison officer, state and federal); and the Monitor Research and Recovery Foundation, National Advisory Board, 1976-. State organizations: North Carolina State Capitol Planning Commission, 1977-; and the North Carolina Medical Cost Containment Commission, 1977-. Awards: North Carolina Consumers Council Commendation, 1976. Baptist: Finance and Budget Committee, 1972; and chairman, board of trustees, 1973. Spouse: Susan Joanne Deichmann, Durham, teacher, February 2, 1975. Children: Lynn Elizabeth; Guy Vernon; Laura Ann; and I. Beverly IV (Lee). Relatives in state office: Isaac Beverly Lake, father (associate justice, North Carolina Supreme Court, 1965-78; assistant attorney general, North Carolina Department of Justice, 1952-55).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

LAMBERT, JOEL WILLIAM (1915-)

House, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Cumberland County.

Joel W. Lambert was born in Sampson County on November 7, 1915. He was one of six children of William Henderson Lambert and Estella Pope of Sampson County. After graduating from Mingo High School in 1934, Lambert was enrolled at Appalachian State College. He was graduated from the New England Aircraft School in 1942 and served in the United States Air Force, 1942-45, and attained the rank of staff sergeant. As an early vocation he farmed but later settled on a career as a barber and hair stylist. He owns Hairmasters, a hair-styling firm located in Spring Lake, Cumberland County. Professional organizations, Associated Master Barbers and Beauticians of America. House committees: Constitutional Amendments, Institutions For the Deaf, Finance, Local Government, Manufacturers and Labor, Senatorial Districts, State Personnel. Memberships: High School Athletic Council, president; and United Travelers. Presbyterian: chairman, board of deacons, 1962-64; and elder, 1965-67. Spouse: Reba Livingston, Scotland County, December 13, 1941. Children: Joel W., Jr.; Phillip L.; and Pharis H.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

LAMBETH, JAMES ERWIN, JR. (1916-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Thirtieth District, Davidson County.

Born in Thomasville on February 2, 1916, Lambeth was the son of James Erwin Lambeth, a business administrator from Thomasville, and Helen McAuley, an administrator from Mount Gilead, Montgomery County. He was graduated from Thomasville High School in 1933 and earned an A.B. degree from Duke University in 1937. While at Duke he was editor of the school yearbook the Chanticleer. In addition, Lambeth studied at the Harvard Business School in 1938. He immediately began a career in the furniture business, and in 1946 he opened a furniture manufacturing firm named Erwin-Lambeth, Inc., in Thomasville. Lambeth serves as chairman of the board and treasurer of this business. House committees: Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Finance, Highway Safety, Manufacturers and Labor, Natural and Economic Resources, Public Libraries. State organizations: Governor's Commission on the Status of Women; North Carolina Industrial Commission; State and National Citizens Advisory Council on the Status of Women; and the College Foundation, Inc., board member. County organizations: Davidson County Historical Society, chairman, 1971-72. Municipal positions: mayor pro tem, Thomasville, 1963-67; and city council, Thomasville, 1963-1967. Director: Home Savings and Loan Association; North Carolina National Bank; Piedmont Associated Industries; and the High Point Executive Club, 1964-74. Memberships: Thomasville Chamber of Commerce, president, 1961-1963; Boy Scouts of America (chairman, Thomasville District, Uwharrie Council president and council commissioner); Rotary International, board of directors and district governor; and Mason. Methodist: board of stewards; and chairman, stewardship and finance committee. Spouse: Katharine Covington, Lee County, business administrator, August 27, 1938. Children: James Erwin III; Richard Covington; Mary Katharine Lambeth Cullens, and William Roderick. Relatives in General Assembly: John Walter Lambeth, Jr., cousin (Davidson-Senate-1921). Relatives in federal positions: John W. Lambeth, Jr. (United States Congress, 1933-38).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
 Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.



LAND, WILLIAM RAINES, JR. (1916-)

House, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Richmond County.

The son of William Raines Land of Stoney Creek, Virginia, and May LeGrand of Rockingham, Land was born in Hamlet on October 26, 1916. He was graduated from Hamlet High School in 1933. Land was enrolled at Mars Hill College, 1934-35, and later attended Clemson College where he served in the R.O.T.C., 1936-37. Early in his life Land was engaged in farming and the timber business. At the age of thirty, however, he began a career in the trucking industry. Land owns the Land Truck and Tractor Company, an International Harvester Corporation dealer and truck leaser in Rockingham. In addition, he serves as president of Rockingham International Dragway. House committees: Agriculture, Appropriations, Conservation and Development, Health, Wildlife Resources. County positions: commissioner, Richmond County, 1958-62. Memberships: Rockingham Moose Club; and the Hamlet Gun Club, Hoffman. Presbyterian: Bible Class president; and deacon. Spouse: Myrtle Ruth Sykes, Richmond County, November 22, 1940. Children: William R. Jr; and Vance S.

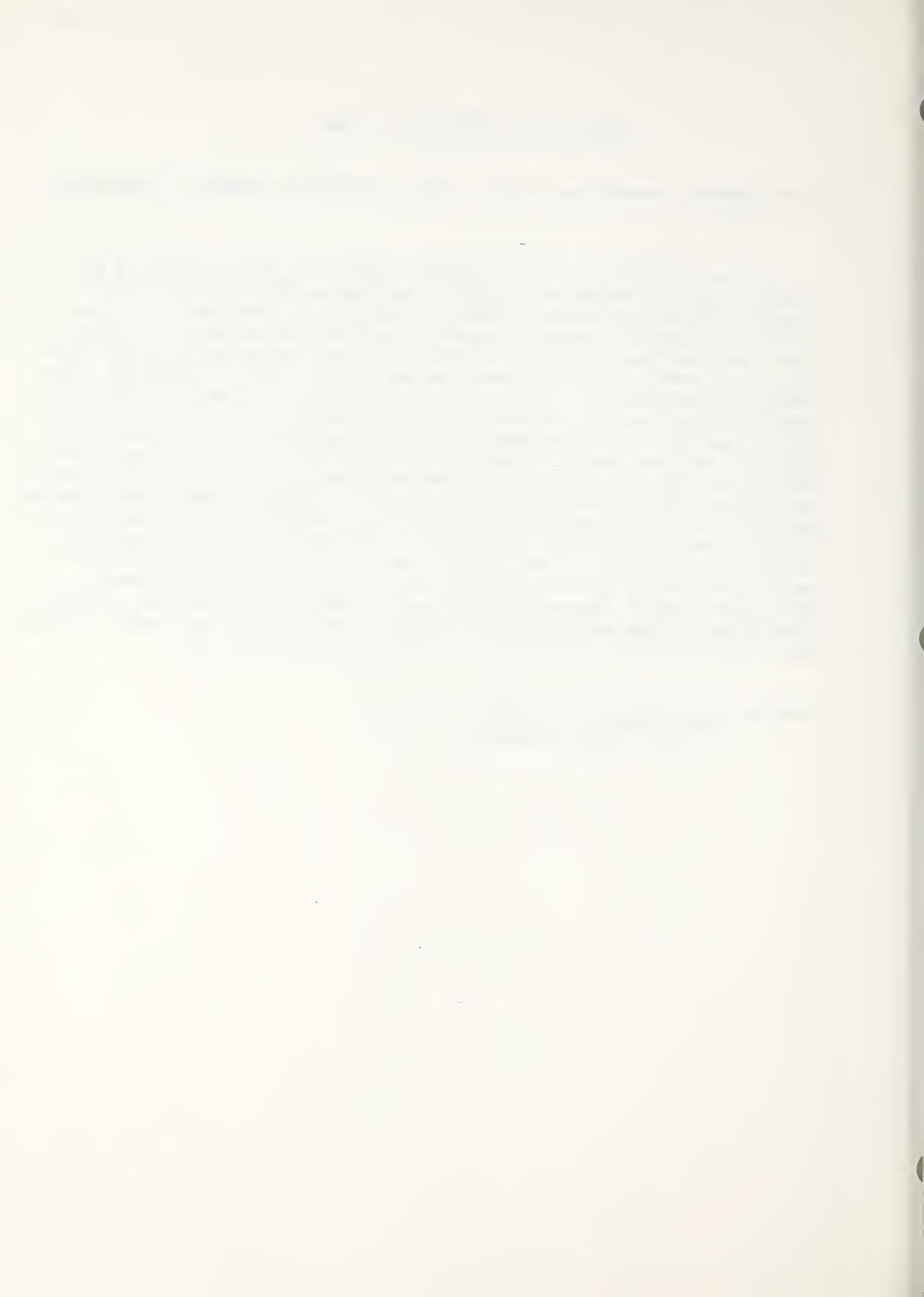
Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

LANE, ARCHIE TRAVERS, SR. (1900-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Perquimans County.

The son of Thomas C. Lane and Minnie Copeland, Lane was born in Perquimans County on September 26, 1900. He attended Hertford High School as well as Eastman Business College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He is engaged in farming and operates a general business near Hertford. In addition, Lane has been active in the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, serving as manager, director, and chairman of the board of directors. Professional organizations: North Carolina Farm Bureau, president, 1942-1947; North Carolina Electric Cooperative; the Tar Heel Electric Association, executive board and vice-president; Board of Supervisors Soil Conservation District, chairman; and the Bear Swamp Drainage Commission, chairman, 1940-. House committees: (chairman) Salaries and Fees; (vice-chairman) Commissions and Institutions For the Blind, Irrigation and Drainage, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Public Utilities. County organizations: commissioner, Hertford County, 1937-1942 and 1949-1958 (chairman eight years); and the District Health Board. Memberships: Hertford Lions Club, president, 1944 and district deputy governor, 1945; Mason, master, 1945-1946; Tidewater Council Boy Scouts, Executive Board; and the District Tuberculosis Association, Executive Board, chairman. Baptist: church clerk; and deacon. Spouse: Sallie Perry McNider, August, 1924. Children: Archie T., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-1965.
Cheney, N.C. Government.



LANG, WILLIAM EVAN (1942-)

House, General Assembly of *1973-74; Republican, Thirtieth District, Davidson County. *Governor Holshouser appointed Lang to the House on July 2, 1973, to replace Joe H. Hege, Jr., who had resigned.

The son of Bernard E. Lang and Jeannette L. Brightman of Rochester, New York, Lang was born in Rochester on January 24, 1942. His father worked as a machinist while his mother was a nurse. Lang moved to North Carolina at the age of twenty-one. He earned an A.B. degree from High Point College and received an M.A. degree in education administration from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Lang served in the United States Air Force before he began a teaching profession. He is engaged as an instructor at Davidson County Community College in Lexington and serves as director of adult basic education. In addition, Lang managed S & M Manufacturing Company. State organizations, State Advisory Council on Vocational Education. Memberships: Central Carolina Civitan Club, president. Roman Catholic. Spouse: Margaret Lillian Spencer, Jacksonville, Florida, secretary.

Sources: Questionnaire, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

LARKINS, CHARLES HAYMORE, JR. (1930-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1969 and 1971; Democrat, Fifth District, Lenoir County.

Born in Kinston on October 3, 1930, Larkins was the son of Charles Haymore Larkins of Morristown, Tennessee, and Margaret Isabel Hamilton of Guilford County. He attended Darlington School in Rome, Georgia, 1946-1947, and was graduated from Grainger High School in Kinston in 1949. He received a B.A. degree in business administration from Wake Forest College in 1952. In addition, he completed one year of school at the above institution. Larkins served in the United States Navy, 1953-54. For nineteen years he operated a family retail clothing business known as C. H. Larkins Clothing Stores, Inc. Larkins served as president of this Kinston-based store. At the age of forty-three he returned to East Carolina University and earned an M.A. degree in clinical psychology. Four years later he began a new career as a professional clinical psychologist and worked in the Lenoir County Mental Health Center in Kinston. Professional organizations: Carolinas Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers; and the North Carolina Merchants Association. House committees: (chairman) Mental Health. Boards: Childrens Home Society of North Carolina, three years; and Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. Memberships: Elks, exalted ruler. Baptist. First spouse: Anne Marie Flowers, May 19, 1951. Children: Charles H. III. Second spouse: Sharon Marie Canning, Henrico County, Virginia, real estate saleswoman. Relatives in General Assembly: John D. Larkins, Jr., uncle (Jones-Senate-1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1949, 1951, 1953; president pro tem, 1941).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-71.
 Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

LAWING, WILLIAM CRAIG (1925-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Thirty-sixth District, Mecklenburg County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Mecklenburg County.

Lawing was born in Paw Creek, Mecklenburg County, on July 6, 1925. The son of Samuel Oliver Lawing, a real estate salesman from Mecklenburg County, and Essie Odell Dunn of the same county, he attended the public schools of Mecklenburg County from 1931 to 1942. After high school Lawing was enrolled at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, as an aviation cadet. He served in the United States Army Air Force from 1943 to 1946 as an aviation cadet and gunnery instructor. In 1958 he attended Repperts School of Auctioneering. Lawing serves as president of Lawings, Inc., a Charlotte-based firm that deals in real estate, insurance, and auctioneering. Professional organizations: Charlotte Board of Realtors; North Carolina Association of Realtors; National Association of Real Estate Boards; National Auctioneers Association, board of directors; and the Auctioneers Association of North Carolina, president. House committees: (chairman) Local Government, Economy. Senate committees: (chairman) Banks and Banking; (vice-chairman) Ways and Means. State commissions, Legislative Services. County positions: commissioner, Mecklenburg County, 1952-56 and 1958-64 (vice-chairman, 1954-56 and 1962-64); Mecklenburg County Welfare Board, 1961-64; and Mecklenburg Legislative Delegation, chairman, 1975-76. Awards: Certificate of Appreciation, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, 1964; and the City of Charlotte Citizenship Award, 1964. Memberships: American Legion, commander; and Mason and Shriner. Methodist: chairman, official board; chairman, membership and evangelism committee; and teacher. Spouse: Jane A. Gaffney, Mecklenburg County, insurance saleswoman, December 31, 1943. Children: Sally Ann; and Diane Lawing Hagler.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-77.
 Questionnaire, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

LEATHERMAN, CLARENCE EDWIN (1925-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Lincoln County (1961-66) and the Forty-first District (1967-72), Lincoln County.

Born in Bessemer City on July 2, 1925, Leatherman was the son of Edwin Yates Leatherman, a salesman from Lincolnton, and Essie Mae Pendleton, a food processor from Vale, Lincoln County. He was graduated from North Brook High School in 1941 and was enrolled at Gardner-Webb College, 1941-42. Leatherman served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 and attained the rank of radioman third class (landing craft). He attended Appalachian State Teachers College, 1946-47, and received an LL.B. degree from the University of Tennessee Law School in 1949. Leatherman began practicing law at the age of twenty-seven and currently operates a private practice in Lincolnton. Professional organizations: Lincoln County, North Carolina, Twenty-seventh Judicial District, and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Higher Education, Insurance, Finance. State organizations: Advisory Budget Commission, 1965-66; Tax Study Commission, 1965-71; and the Board of Higher Education, 1969-70. Political activities: president, Lincoln County Young Democrats, 1956-58; state parliamentarian, Young Democrats, 1958; and delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1956. Baptist. Spouse: Charlesanna Walker, Randolph County, social services, April 5, 1952. Children: Celia Ann; Rhonda Kay; and Lamont E.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-71.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

LEATHERWOOD, ROBERT III (1924-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961 and 1963; Democrat, Swain County.

A native of Bryson City, Leatherwood was born on April 19, 1924, and was the son of Robert Leatherwood II and Martha Frances Stovall. He attended Swain County Schools, 1930-41, and served as a sergeant in the United States Army, 517 Parachute Infantry, 1943-44. Leatherwood earned a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1949 and studied at the National University of Mexico during the summer of 1948. In 1951 he received an LL.B. degree from Wake Forest University. Leatherwood currently operates a private practice in Bryson City. Professional organizations: North Carolina and the 30th Judicial District (president, 1962) bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Commissions and Institutions For the Blind; (vice-chairman) Election and Election Laws, Public Welfare. State positions: district court judge, 30th Judicial District, 1966-73; and chief district court judge, 30th Judicial District, February 7, 1973-. County positions: president, Swain County Chamber of Commerce, 1954-55; and secretary, Swain County Democratic Executive Committee, 1952-60. Presbyterian. First spouse: Meredith Eleanor Shook, November 17, 1956. Children: Robert IV; and Nelly Madge. Second spouse: Marie Parker, August 27, 1976. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert L. Leatherwood, grandfather (Swain-Senate-1893; House-1899-1900).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1913; 1961-63; 1967; 1977.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

LEONARD, LARRY ELMER (1941-)

House, General Assembly of 1975-76; Democrat, Thirtieth District, Davidson County.

Larry E. Leonard was born in Thomasville on November 22, 1941. He was the only child of Elmer Elwood Leonard and May Nell Gallimore of Thomasville. His father was employed in the building and construction business. Leonard was graduated from Thomasville Senior High School in 1960 and earned a B.S. degree from Western Carolina College in 1964. In addition, he completed additional work at High Point College in 1968 as well as the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 1969. In 1972 Leonard received a J.D. degree from the Wake Forest University School of Law. Before he began a law practice Leonard had served as a field representative for General Electric Credit Corporation and held the position of assistant plant engineer at the Gloria Plant of Klopman Mills, Inc., in Johnson City, Tennessee. He started practicing law at the age of thirty-one and presently serves as a partner in the firm of Saintsing, Leonard & Green in Thomasville. Professional organizations: Thomasville, Davidson County, North Carolina, 22nd Judicial District, and American bar associations; American Judicature Society; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. House committees: Base Budget, Corporations, Corrections, Insurance, Local Government. State organizations, North Carolina Motor Vehicle Advisory Board. County organizations, Davidson County Board of Elections. Memberships: Thomasville Lions Club; Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce; and Thomasville Jaycees. United Church of Christ: church vice-president; brotherhood president; secretary and board member, church endowment fund; deacon; youth group advisor; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Brenda Sue Westmoreland, Hampton, Virginia, October 1, 1967. Children: Caroline Sue; and Marcus Larry.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.

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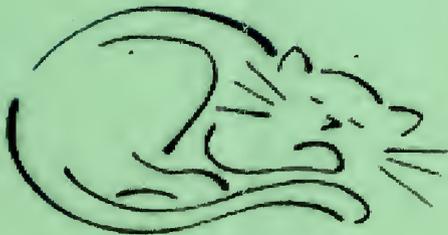
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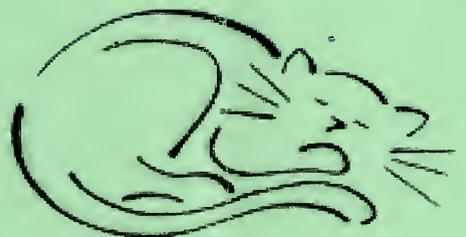
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LEONARD, WILLIAM (1927-)

House, General Assembly of 1963; Republican, Transylvania County.

Born in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania, on July 2, 1927, Leonard was the son of Morel Leonard of Owosso, Michigan, and Louise Davis of Gallipolis, Ohio. In 1945 and 1946 he served in the United States Naval Reserve and attained the rank of seaman first class. He was graduated from Ohio State University in 1951 with a B.A. degree in agricultural engineering. At the age of twenty-eight he began an engineering career and was employed as a surveyor in Brevard. He has prepared, published, and printed two maps of Brevard. In addition to his surveying services, Leonard is involved in the real estate business; he serves as vice-president of Melton Company, Realtors. Professional organizations: Association of Registered Surveyors of Western North Carolina, chairman, 1960; and the Brevard Board of Realtors, president. House committees: Appropriations, Conservation and Development, Highway Safety, Public Welfare, Wildlife Resources, Printing. County organizations, Transylvania County Board of Elections. Municipal positions: city surveyor, Brevard, 1962; and charter member and chairman, Brevard Planning Board, 1961- . Swedenborgian. Spouse: Dorothy Price (deceased August 10, 1972), Cook County, Illinois, September 6, 1952. Children: Rebekah, Cynthia, Kathleen, Tobiah, and Wendelin.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

LIGHTNER, CLARENCE E. (1921-)

Senate, General Assembly of *1977-78; Democrat, Fourteenth District, Wake County. *Governor Hunt appointed him to the Senate effective August 9, 1977, to replace John W. Winters who had resigned.

Clarence E. Lightner was born in Raleigh on August 15, 1921, and was the son of Calvin E. Lightner of Raleigh. His father was one of the leading businessmen in Raleigh; he worked as a general contractor, organized an insurance company, and started Lightner Funeral Home. Lightner attended Washington High School in Raleigh and North Carolina Central College in Durham; while at Central he played varsity football. Lightner served in the United States Army during World War II. After his service he was graduated from Echols College of Mortuary Science in Philadelphia. Lightner holds the position of president and general manager of Lightner Funeral Home and operates the Hillcrest Cemetery in Raleigh. In addition, he owns the Lightner Insurance Agency. Lightner was elected mayor of Raleigh in 1973 and served in this capacity until 1975. Professional organizations: National (president) and North Carolina funeral directors and morticians association; National League of Cities (steering committee public safety); director, North Carolina League of Municipalities; and the National Business League. County organizations, Wake County Board of Health. Municipal positions: city councilman, Raleigh, 1967-1971 (chairman, Law and Finance Committee); mayor pro tem, Raleigh, 1971-1973; and Raleigh Human Relations Committee. Boards: Southern Growth Policies; (director) Occaneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America; (director) North Carolina Voter Education Project; and (trustee) St. Augustines College. Memberships: Raleigh Heart Association; N.A.A.C.P.; Raleigh Citizens Association; Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, director; Shriner; and Elks Club. Awards and honors: honorary degree, Shaw University, 1972; and "Tar Heel of the Week", The News and Observer (Raleigh), November 25, 1973. Presbyterian. Spouse: Marguerite M. Massey, Jacksonville, Florida. Children: Bruce, Lawrence, Debra, Claire.

Sources: The News and Observer (Raleigh), November 25, 1973.
Who's Who in Government, 1975-1976.

LILLEY, DANIEL TAYLOR (1920-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Ninth District (1969-72) and the Third District (1973-78), Lenoir County.

Born in Martin County on August 15, 1920, Lilley was the son of Alfred Thomas Lilley, a Martin County farmer, and Ethel Grace Gurkin of Martin County. He was reared on a farm and attended Farm Life High School. Subsequently, he was enrolled at Spartan School of Aeronautics of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he studied flying and aircraft maintenance. During World War II Lilley served six years of active duty in the United States Army Air Corps. He also served as a group commander of the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and had the rank of lieutenant colonel. Lilley also attained the rank of colonel in the United States Air Force Reserve. After a short career in farming, at the age of thirty Lilley entered the insurance business. He is employed as a salesman with the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1967 he had attended the American College of Life Underwriters in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where he completed a Chartered Life Underwriting course and received the designation C.L.U. In addition to his insurance career, Lilley was licensed as a minister in the Christian Church. Professional organizations: Lenoir County Life Underwriters Association; and the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters. House committees: (chairman) Banks and Banking, Economy, Wildlife; (vice-chairman) Finance, Transportation. State organizations: North Carolina Aeronautics Council. County positions: commissioner, Lenoir County, 1964-1968. Memberships: Kinston Chamber of Commerce, president; Kinston Rotary Club, president; and the Kinston Jaycees, president. Awards: First Citizen of the Year Award, Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce, 1963; National Sales Achievement Award (1974) and the National Quality Award (1975), National Association of Life Underwriters; and Governors Award for Conservation Legislation, North Carolina Wildlife Federation, 1975. Disciples of Christ. Spouse: Imogene P. Hites, McPherson, Kansas, July 7, 1944. Children: Eileen; and Daniel T., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-77.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

LOCKLEAR, HORACE (1942-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-first District, Robeson County.

Born in Lumberton on November 27, 1942, Locklear was the son of Horace Locklear, a farmer from Statesboro, Georgia, and Margaret Locklear, a teacher from Lumberton. He was reared on a farm and was graduated from Magnolia High School. Locklear received a B.S. degree in 1964 from Pembroke State University. In 1972 he obtained a J.D. degree from North Carolina Central University. After a brief teaching career, Locklear began a law practice at the age of twenty-eight. He presently is affiliated with the law firm of Locklear, Chavis and Strickland in Lumberton. Locklear was the first American Indian to be admitted to the North Carolina Bar and was the first American Indian to graduate from a North Carolina law school. Professional organizations: Robeson County and North Carolina bar associations; and the American Indian Lawyers Association. House committees: (chairman) Judiciary (subcommittee); and member, Agriculture, Corporations, Education, Wildlife. County organizations, Robeson County Board of Health. Memberships: Saddletree Jaycees, Lumberton, founder; and North Carolina Jaycees, associate legal counselor. Baptist. Spouse: Barbara Brayboy, Pembroke, May 11, 1963. Children: Millicent; Horace Bryan; and Jasper Edwin.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

LONG, JAMES EUGENE (1940-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971, 1973-74, and *1975; Democrat, Twenty-first District (1971) and the Twenty-second District (1973-75), Alamance County. *He resigned in 1975 and was replaced by Bertha Merrill Holt effective August 18, 1975.

Born in Burlington on March 19, 1940, Long was the son of George Attmore Long, a lawyer from Graham, and Helen Brooks, a teacher from Burlington. After attending Walter M. Williams High School from 1954 to 1958, he was enrolled at North Carolina State College, 1958-62, and received an A.B. degree in political science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1963. Long then entered the U.N.C. Law School where he obtained a J.D. degree in 1966. He was admitted to the State Bar and currently practices law in Graham with the firm of Long and Long. Professional organizations: Alamance County (chairman, Young Lawyers Section, 1972-76), North Carolina and American bar associations; the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel; and the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (vice-president, 1965-66). House committees: (chairman) Public Utilities; (vice-chairman) State Personnel, Motor Vehicles. State positions: chairman, Joint Legislative Committee to Study Taxation of Local Unit of Government, 1974; chairman, Legislative Committee to Study the Rights and Responsibilities of State Employees, 1974; member, Legislative Research Commission; chief deputy commissioner, (appointed) North Carolina State Insurance Department, 1975-76; and secretary and director, North Carolina Special Olympics, Inc. Political activities: Alamance County Young Democrats (treasurer, 1967; president, 1968; member of Executive Committee, 1969; second vice-president, 1970; and district secretary, 1971). Memberships: Burlington Jaycees; and the Burlington-Alamance County Chamber of Commerce. Awards: Outstanding Young Men in America, 1972; Personalities of the South, 1972; and Who's Who in American Politics, 1971 and 1972. Episcopalian; vestryman, 1969-71. First spouse: Sarah Anne Meadows, November 4, 1960. Children: James Eugene, Jr.; and Rebecca Ann. Second spouse: Laura Jean Guy, Kentucky, banker and lawyer. Relatives in General Assembly: George Attmore Long, father (Alamance-House-1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959); James Adolph Long, grandfather (Alamance-House-1931); Jacob Elmer Long, cousin (Alamance-House-1911, 1913; Senate-1917, 1921; Senate president, 1925-29). Relatives in state elective office: Jacob Elmer Long (lieutenant governor, 1925-29).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-75.
 Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

LONG, RICHARD GWYNN (1923-1972)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1957 and 1963; Democrat, Fourteenth District, Person County.

The son of James Anderson Long (born 1885), a textile manufacturer from Person County, and Ann Elizabeth Bickford of Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, Long was born in Roxboro on November 16, 1923. One of seven children, he attended Roxboro High School, 1936-1939, Woodberry Forest School, 1939-1940, and Duke University, 1940-1943. Long served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of staff sergeant. After the service he earned an LL.B. degree at the Vanderbilt University Law School in 1949. Long was admitted to the State Bar and began a law practice at the age of twenty-six. At the time of his death he was affiliated with the firm of Burns and Long in Roxboro. Long died of a heart attack that he suffered at his cabin on Carolina Power Lake on May 7, 1972. Professional organizations: Person County and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Interstate and Federal Relations; (vice-chairman) Education, University Trustees. State organizations: North Carolina Utilities Commission, August, 1958-December 31, 1960. County positions: attorney, Person County; and attorney, Person County Board of Education. Municipal positions: mayor, Roxboro, 1951-1953; and attorney, Roxboro. Director: Roxboro Cotton Mills; The Peoples Bank, Roxboro; Reinforced Plastic Container Corporation; First Union National Bank; Somerset Hill Company; and the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce Trustee: Person County Memorial Hospital; and the Florence Crittendon Home. Memberships: Elks; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars, commander, 1954-1955; Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and Rotary Club, president. Awards: Man of the Year, Person County, 1956; and Young Man of the Year, Jaycees, 1956. Methodist, board of stewards. Spouse: Betty Layne Hollinshead, Davidson County, Tennessee, November 17, 1949. Children: Margaret Gwynn; Catherine Layne; David Hollinshead; Richard G., Jr.; and Nicholas Thompson. Relatives in General Assembly: James Anderson Long (born 1841), grandfather (Person-House-1885; Senate-1889, 1901, 1905, 1909, 1913); James Anderson Long, Jr., father (Person-Senate-1925).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957; 1963.
Questionnaire, Betty Layne Hollinshead Long, wife, October, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Durham Morning Herald, May 9, 1972.

LOVE, JIMMY LEWIS (1934-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Twenty-second District (1967-72) and the Eighteenth District (1973-76), Lee County.

The son of James Alonzo Love, an industrial laborer from Sanford, and Willie McIver Brannon of Sanford, Love was born in that Lee County town on December 21, 1934. One of seven children, he attended the city schools of Sanford, 1941-53. Love was enrolled from 1956 to 1960 at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he received his A.B. degree in 1957 and his LL.B. degree in 1960. Since 1957 Love has served in the United States Air Force Reserves, Judge Advocate General Corps, and attained the rank of major. Love was admitted to the State Bar in 1960 and began a law practice in 1961. After operating a private practice in Sanford, he presently serves as senior partner in the firm of Love and Ward. Professional organizations: North Carolina and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Appropriations, Local Government; (vice-chairman) Judiciary, Public Welfare, Federal and Interstate Cooperation. State organizations, Advisory Budget Commission. County positions: solicitor, Lee County Criminal Court, 1961-66; and assistant solicitor, Lee County Superior Court, 1961-66. Political activities: president, Lee County Young Democrats, 1958. Memberships: Mason; and Rotary Club. Baptist: deacon; and teacher. Spouse: Etta Brown Howard, Harnett County, November 9, 1957. Children: Joni Brown; Tim; Melody; and Mark.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-75.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

LUPTON, WALTER JONES (1906-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Hyde County.

Walter J. Lupton was born in Scranton, Hyde County, on January 9, 1906. He was one of twelve children of Silas Swain Lupton, a merchant, and Georgia Ann Robinson of Scranton. He was reared on a farm and attended high school in Swan Quarter from 1920 to 1924. He was enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, from 1924 to 1927, and attended the U.N.C. Law School in 1928. He farmed for a living but had retired a few years ago. House committees: (chairman) Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry Committee; (vice-chairman) Journal, Irrigation and Drainage. County positions: accountant, Hyde County, 1933-40; chairman, Hyde County Democratic Party, 1954-56; assistant emergency loan supervisor, Farmers Home Administration, Hyde County, 1956-58; and director-coordinator (part time), Hyde County Civil Preparedness Agency. Memberships: Mideast Regional Authority; Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission; Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency; University of North Carolina Board of Trustees, 1963-1971; and Mason, master and secretary. Methodist. Spouse: Margaret Tracy Fisher, Swan Quarter, teacher, March 7, 1936. Children: Richard Bryson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-65.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

LUTZ, EDITH LEDFORD (1914-)
 (MRS. MARVIN EVERETT LUTZ)

House, General Assemblies of *1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Fortieth District, Cleveland County. *She was appointed to replace John J. Hunt who had resigned effective April 14, 1976.

Edith Ledford Lutz was born in Lawndale, Cleveland County, on October 20, 1914. She was the daughter of Thomas Curtis Ledford and Annie Hoyle of Lawndale. Lutz attended Belwood High School in the community of Belwood. She was engaged in farming and fruit growing in Lawndale and worked with her husband and son under the business name of Everett Lutz & Son Orchard. Professional organizations: Cleveland County Farm Bureau; and the North Carolina Apple Growers Auxiliary. House committees: (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Appropriations Committee on Human Resources and Corrections. Methodist: Sunday School teacher; treasurer, women's organizations; and counselor, youth fellowship. Spouse: Marvin Everett Lutz, Cleveland County, agricultural businessman, October 25, 1933. Children: E. Jacob. Relatives in General Assembly: Otis M. Mull, cousin (Cleveland-House-1907-08, 1919-20, 1929, 1939, 1941, 1947; speaker 1941).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
 Questionnaire, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MacLEAN, HECTOR (1920-)

Senate, General Assemblies of *1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, and 1969; Democrat, Eleventh District (1961-64), Fourteenth District (1965-66), and the Twentieth District (1967-70), Robeson County. *Governor Sanford appointed him to the Senate on June 15, 1961, to replace DuBrutz C. Moore who had resigned.

Hector MacLean was born in Baltimore on September 15, 1920, and moved with his family to North Carolina when he was two weeks old. He was the son of Angus Wilton McLean, a lawyer from Maxton (Floral College), and Margaret French of Lumberton. One of three children, MacLean attended Lumberton High School and earned a B.S. degree from Davidson College in 1941. He served in the United States Army during World War II (1942-46) and attained the rank of captain. For his action during the war MacLean was decorated with the Bronze Star. After the service he entered law school at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he received a J.D. degree in 1948. In addition, he studied banking at U.N.C. in 1948. MacLean was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar that same year and operated a private law practice until 1952. He served as assistant to the president of Southern National Bank from 1952 to 1955 and held the position of president and chairman of the board from 1955 to 1976. Since 1976 he has served as chairman and chief executive officer of the Southern National Bank of North Carolina and Southern National Corporation in Lumberton. Professional organizations: North Carolina (Committee on Court Study) and American bar associations; Lumberton Implement Company, president; North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation, director; the Young Bankers Division of the North Carolina Bankers Association, president; and Virginia and Carolina Southern Railroad, president. Senate committees: (chairman) Libraries, Public Welfare, Agriculture; (vice-chairman) Banking, Public Health, Judiciary. State organizations: Southern Regional Educational Board, legislative chairman; North Carolina Bicentennial Foundation, chairman; the Medical Foundation of North Carolina, president; North Carolina Cancer Commission; North Carolina Library Resources Commission; North Carolina Confederate Centennial Commission; and the North Carolina Educational Council on National Purposes, Inc., treasurer. County positions: president, Robeson County Municipal Association; president, Robeson County Tuberculosis Association; chairman, Robeson County Chapter, American Red Cross; and president, Robeson County Historical Society. Municipal positions: mayor, Lumberton, 1949-53; and president, Lumberton Chamber of Commerce. Educational activities chairman, board of trustees, Saint Andrews Presbyterian College. Political activities: Democratic National Convention, delegate, 1960 and alternate, 1964. Awards and honors: (listed in) Who's Who in International Commerce and Industry; Who's Who in American Politics; and Who's Who in the South and Southwest. Presbyterian: deacon, elder; and moderator, Fayetteville Presbytery, 1954. Spouse: Lyl Francis Warwick, Talladega, Alabama, December 18, 1944. Children: Mrs. Lyl M. Clinard. Relatives in state elective office: Angus Wilton McLean, father (governor, 1925-29).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-69.
Questionnaire, July, 1978

Cheney, N.C. Government.

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McALISTER, ROBERT LEE (1923-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Rockingham County. Governor Hunt appointed him to the House effective October 13, 1977, to replace Conrad Duncan.

Born in Reidsville on February 6, 1923, McAlister was the son of James Denny McAlister, a Rockingham County farmer, and Maggie Estelle Meador of Reidsville. He was reared on a farm and was a high school graduate. After serving in the United States Army he began a farming career. He owns and operates a tobacco and grain farm under the name of R. L. McAlister & Sons in Ruffin. As a parallel occupation McAlister also works as an electrician. State organizations: North Carolina Board of Transportation, Secondary Roads Council. Methodist. Spouse: Doris Elizabeth Cox, Rockingham County.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.

McDANIEL, C. DEMPSEY (1924-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Republican, Thirtieth District (1969-72) and the Twenty-ninth District (1973-74), Forsyth County.

One of seven children born to Carl McDaniel, a painter from Randleman, Randolph County, and Nellie Pearl Brown of Flat Rock, Henderson County, McDaniel was born in High Point on April 2, 1924. He attended the public schools of High Point 1931-39, R. J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, 1939-40, and was graduated from Gray High School in Winston-Salem in 1942. McDaniel completed requirements for a B.A. degree at the University of Maryland in 1961. Between 1961 and 1964 he attended Oak Ridge Military Institute and Winston-Salem State Teachers College where he studied in the areas of education, political science, psychology, and administration. In 1966 McDaniel earned an M.A. degree in education at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He completed advanced studies at the above institution in 1966 and 1967 and earned a certificate as a teacher and guidance counselor. As an early career McDaniel had served in the United States Army from February, 1943, to July, 1965. He served as a small arms repairman, aircraft armorer, ordnance NCO, and auto body repairman. In December, 1946, he was placed on reserve status because of a medical problem and worked at the H. L. Green Company in Winston-Salem as a stockroom manager. McDaniel returned to active duty in 1948 and served as receiving NCO, administrative NCO, instructor in leadership school, instructor and administrator in charge of classified documents, and instructor, administrator, and advisor to ROTC cadets. On July 1, 1965, he had retired with the rank of sergeant first class. While in the service he was awarded numerous awards including the Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Distinguished Unit Emblem, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (eight battle stars), World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army-Air Force Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Philippine Ribbon, Philippine Independence Ribbon, and Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. McDaniel began a career in education on August 5, 1965, when he contracted with the High Point City Schools to teach government, history, and economics in the ninth grade. He taught for five years and served as guidance counselor for three years before resigning in June, 1973. In addition, McDaniel taught evening classes at High Point College from 1967 to 1970. Professional organizations: Noncommissioned Officers Association of America; National Education Association; North Carolina Education Association; High Point Education Association; High Point Classroom Teachers Association; North Carolina Personnel and Guidance Association; School Counselors Association; and the North Carolina Vocational Guidance Association. House committees: (vice-chairman) Constitutional Amendments, Education. State organizations: North Carolina Veterans Affairs Commission, January 9 - July 8, 1974; and North Carolina Parole Commission, parole commissioner, 1974-77. County positions: justice of the peace, Forsyth County, 1966-68. Memberships: National Rifle Association; North Carolina State Rifle and Pistol Association; High Point Mental Health Association; and American Legion. Baptist: Sunday School teacher, 1964-. Spouse: Gladys Bertha Keller, Seward County, Nebraska, November 17, 1952. Children: Patricia O'Hara Cox; Dempsey O'Brien; Barry Wayne; and Donna O'Dea Harrison.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-73.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

McDOWELL, TIMOTHY HILL (1946-)

House, General Assembly of*1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Alamance County. *Governor Hunt appointed him to the House effective September 19, 1977, to replace William S. Harris.

Timothy H. McDowell was born in Burlington on January 16, 1946. He was the son of Charles Lamar McDowell of Franklin County, Georgia, and Golda Marjorie Perry of Luray, Virginia. His father was engaged in the printing and publishing business while his mother was a teacher. McDowell was graduated from Elon College. After working as editor of the Mebane Enterprise-Journal in Mebane, at the age of thirty he switched to a public relations career. McDowell presently serves as director of public information at Elon College. Municipal organizations: Board of Adjustment, Mebane; and the Mebane Exchange Club, treasurer. Presbyterian. Spouse: Zorado Maurice Kernodle, Alamance County, banker.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.

McDUFFIE, JAMES DOYLE (1929-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Mecklenburg County.

Born in Kannapolis on November 17, 1929, McDuffie was the son of James Dewey McDuffie of Rockingham and Viola Mae Cress of Salisbury. Both of his parents were employed as textile manufacturers. McDuffie was graduated from Cannon High School in 1946 and attended Lenoir Rhyne College. He received an A.A. degree from Pfeiffer College in 1948 and a B.A. degree from Catawba College in 1950. McDuffie served in the United States Air Force between 1950 and 1953 and attained the rank of sergeant. After satisfying his military obligation he attended the University of Denver and in 1953 obtained an M.A. degree in education. He taught in the public schools for three years before changing at the age of twenty-six to a career in insurance sales. He works as a self-employed, general agent with State Farm Insurance Company in Charlotte. Senate committees: (chairman) Election Laws; (vice-chairman) Transportation. State organizations: State Emergency Medical Advisory Group Committee; and Tar Heel Cyclists. Municipal organizations: city council, Charlotte. Memberships: East Mecklenburg Optimist Club; and American Legion. Baptist. Spouse: Maxine Darlene (Pat) Sears, Denver, Colorado, accountant, April 10, 1953. Children: James David; Mark Stephen; Patricia Karen; and John Patrick.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.

McFADYEN, NEILL LAUHLIN (1911-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Hoke County (1961-66), and the Twenty-fourth District (1967-72), Hoke County.

Neill L. McFadyen was born in Raeford on September 19, 1911. He was the son of William Monroe McFadyen, a Cumberland County farmer, and Lena Blue of Aberdeen, Moore County. He was graduated from Raeford High School in 1929 and attended Davidson College in 1933. McFadyen was engaged as a farmer in Raeford; he also sold real estate as a second occupation. Professional organizations: Hoke County Farm Bureau, president, 1966. House committees: (chairman) Engrossed Bills, Penal Institutions, Mental Institutions, Commissions and Institutions For Blind and Deaf; (vice-chairman) Insurance, Agriculture, Higher Education. State positions: president, Sandhills Area Development Association, 1966. County organizations: Hoke County Board of Education, 1949-60 (chairman, 1955-60). Municipal positions: commissioner, Raeford, 1941-43; and mayor, Raeford, 1943-47; Presbyterian: deacon; and elder. Spouse: Mary Virginia McLean, Robeson County, teacher, June 12, 1937. Children: Neill L., Jr.; Virginia Purcell Singleton; William McLean; and John Currie. Relatives in General Assembly: John W. McLaughlin, cousin (Cumberland-Senate-1893, 1907-08, 1911).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-71.
 Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

McGEACHY, NEILL HECTOR, JR. (1917-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1961, 1965-66, *1967, *1969, and 1971; Democrat, Tenth District (1961-1962), Fifteenth District (1965-1966), and the Fourteenth District (1967-1972), Cumberland County. *President pro tem (1969) and majority leader (1967 and 1969).

One of two children, McGeachy was born in Fayetteville on August 8, 1917. He was the son of Lumber Bridge, Robeson County, native Neill Hector McGeachy, who served as the sheriff of Cumberland County for forty years, and Kate McArthur of Fayetteville. McGeachy was graduated from Fayetteville High School in 1934 and earned a B.S. degree in 1938 from Davidson College. He received his legal education at the University of North Carolina Law School, where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1941 and was admitted to the State Bar. McGeachy served in the United States Army between 1941 and 1945 and attained the rank of captain. He participated in twelve months combat duty with the Eighth Infantry Division and received the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, and four Campaign Stars. After his military service McGeachy resumed the law practice he had begun in 1941; he later attained the position of senior partner in the firm of McGeachy, Pope, Reid, & Lewis. McGeachy presently serves as senior partner in the firm of McGeachy, Altman, and Ciccone in Fayetteville. Professional organizations: Cumberland County (president, 1964-1965), Twelfth Judicial District, North Carolina, and American bar associations; American Judicature Society; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. Senate committees: (chairman) Salaries and Fees, Banking, Rules and Operation of the Senate, Judiciary; (vice-chairman) Congressional Redistricting, Courts and Judicial Districts, Agriculture, Local Government. State commissions: Legislative Research, co-chairman; 1969-1971; Legislative Services, co-chairman, 1969-1971; State Legislative Building, 1965-1970; Reorganization of State Government, vice-chairman; and the Selection of Boards of Education, 1961-1963. Federal organizations: Conference on Balanced National Growth and Economic Development, White House (Executive Office). Boards: (visitor) Saint Andrews Presbyterian College, 1967-. Political activities: member, State Democratic Party Executive Commission; and chairman, Democratic Party (four terms). Memberships: Junior Chamber of Commerce (local president, state vice-president, national director); United States Jaycees, national chairman; Fayetteville Kiwanis Club; and Mason and Shriner. Presbyterian, deacon. Spouse: Mildred Kelly, Fayetteville, October 21, 1951.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1961; 1965-1971.
Questionnaire, October, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

McGLAMERY, WILEY ABBOTT (1908-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, and 1967; Democrat, Clay County (1965-66) and the Forty-ninth District (1967), Clay County.

Born in Hayesville on August 18, 1908, McGlamery was the son of Ben Alexander McGlamery, an accountant from North Wilkesboro, and Ida Bell Herbert of Murphy. He was graduated from Hayesville High School in 1928 and studied business administration at Cecils Business College in Asheville. McGlamery enlisted in the United States Army Reserves and served for six months. He was engaged in several businesses including dairy and poultry farming, milling, farm supply store management, and automobile sales. McGlamery co-owned the Ford Company in Hayesville. House committees: (chairman) Public Buildings and Grounds; (vice-chairman) Election and Election Laws, Roads. Director: Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Andrews; and the local R.E.A. Methodist. Spouse: Ora M. Killian, Hayesville, teacher, May 18, 1928. Children: Wiley Dan. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert L. Herbert, grandfather (Clay-Senate-1895; House-1911); Dr. Paul B. Killian, father-in-law (Clay-House-1915, 1931); Frank Herbert, uncle (Clay-House-1945); Herbert A. McGlamery, brother (Macon-House-1947); Dr. Carl D. Killian, brother-in-law (Jackson-Senate-1971).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-67.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

McGOUGAN, DUNCAN FRANKLIN, JR. (1921-)

Senate, General Assembly of *1965-66; Democrat, Ninth District, Columbus County. *Governor Moore appointed him to the Senate on August 19, 1965, to replace Carl W. Meares who had resigned.

Born in Conway, South Carolina, on September 28, 1921, McGougan was the son of Duncan Franklin McGougan, a banker from Cerro Gordo, Columbus County, and Dula Allsbrook of Allsbrook, South Carolina. One of ten children, McGougan has lived his entire life in North Carolina. Reared in Tabor City, he earned a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1949 and also attended the University of Arizona. McGougan received an LL.B. degree from the Wake Forest Law School in 1952. Prior to starting a law practice he had served in the United States Navy. McGougan began practicing law at the age of thirty-one and presently serves as a partner in the firm of McGougan and Wright in Tabor City. Professional organizations: Columbus County, 13th Judicial District (vice-president, 1965-66), and the North Carolina bar associations. Senate committees: Public Roads; Finance; Agriculture; Judiciary; Interstate, Federal Relations; Libraries; Penal Institutions; University Trustees; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce. Municipal positions: town attorney, Tabor City. Baptist. Spouse: Helen Stack, Alamance County, August 26, 1948. Relatives in General Assembly: Shadrack Wooten, great-great-grandfather (Lenoir-House-1796, 1801); Richard Wooten, great-grandfather (Columbus-House-1819, 1822, 1824-25, 1829-30; Senate-1846-47, 1848-49, 1850-51; Constitutional Convention 1861-62; Secession Convention, 1861-62); John Monroe McGougan, grandfather (Columbus-House-1866-67); Duncan Franklin McGougan, father (Columbus-House-1931). Absalom Powell, Sr., great-great-great-grandfather (Columbus-House-1840-41); Raymond Bowden, brother-in-law (Columbus-House-1939).

Sources: Questionnaire, Anne B. McGougan, sister, June, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
 Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.
Senate Journal, 1965-66.

McKNIGHT, EDGAR MONROE (1908-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Republican, Forsyth County (1965-66), the Thirtieth District (1967-72), and the Twenty-ninth District (1973-74), Forsyth County.

McKnight was born in Dallas, Gaston County, on June 21, 1908, and was one of four children of Samuel Walter McKnight and Bessie Viola White of Gaston County. His father was employed in the building and construction industry while his mother worked as a seamstress. As a child he resided in Charleston, South Carolina, and Charlotte. McKnight attended Murray Vocational High School in Charleston and also completed various correspondence courses. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1924 to 1932 and attained the rank of sergeant. After his military service McKnight was enrolled in the American Institute of Banking in Chicago, Illinois, 1932-35. Before deciding upon a career in sales he worked briefly in the insurance business. McKnight serves as president and chairman of the board of Edmac, Inc., a Winston-Salem-based firm that sells welding supplies and compressed air systems. While a member of the General Assembly he served as Republican Whip. Professional organizations: American Welding Society; and the National Welding Supply Association. House committees: (vice-chairman) Commerce, Corporations, Insurance, Conservation and Development. State organizations, North Carolina Cemetery Commission. Director, Winston-Salem Development Corporation; trustee, Forsyth Technical Institute. Memberships: Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; Winston-Salem Merchants Association; Winston-Salem Twin City Club; and Elks. Moravian: president, Men of the Church; and board of trustees. First spouse: ? Children: Don B.; and Mrs. D. M. Matthews, Jr. Second spouse: Dorothy Mae Essex, Davie County, business administrator, November 26, 1952. Children: Keith Jay; and Martha Gayle.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-73.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

McLENDON, LENNOX POLK, JR. (1921-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, and 1971; Democrat, Twenty-first District (1965-66) and the Eighteenth District (1967-72), Guilford County.

Born in Durham on February 2, 1921, McLendon was the son of Lennox Polk McLendon (1890-1968), a lawyer from Wadesboro, Anson County, and Mary Lilly Aycock of Goldsboro. One of five children, he attended Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1936-38, and earned an A.B. degree at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1942. McLendon served as a lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1945 and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. In 1944-1945 he was assigned to the 389 Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force in England and participated in twenty-one combat missions. Since 1958 McLendon has served as a major in the United States Air Force Reserve. He had received his legal education at the U.N.C. Law School, where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1948. McLendon was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar that same year and began a law practice. He presently serves as a partner with the firm of Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard in Greensboro. In addition, he holds the position of vice-president of Atlantic Aero, Inc. Professional organizations: Greensboro, (president, 1977-78), North Carolina, and American bar associations; Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; and the North Carolina Law Review, staff member, 1946-1948 (author of three articles). Senate committees: (chairman) University Trustees, Appropriations Subcommittee on Personnel and Long Range Planning; (vice-chairman) Insurance, State Government, Higher Education, Judiciary. State organizations: Governor's Aviation Commission; State Art Museum Building Commission; North Carolina Constitutional Study Commission; and the North Carolina Childrens' Home Society, president. Municipal organizations: Greensboro Board of Education, 1960-64; and Greensboro Community Council, president. Educational organizations: Advisory Board, Greensboro Division of Guilford College; Board of Visitors, Guilford College; Board of Visitors, Appalachian State University; and vice-president, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) Alumni Association, 1977-78. Political positions: president, Guilford County Young Democrats. Memberships: board of directors, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, 1963-64; and the Order of Grail and Golden Fleece, U.N.C., Chapel Hill. Presbyterian: chairman, board of deacons; and elder. Spouse: Mary Lavinia Inabnet, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, December 29, 1945. Children: Lennox P. III; Christopher B.; Brantley Aycock; and Mary Inabnet. Relatives in General Assembly: Lennox Polk McLendon, father (Durham-House-1917); Charles Brantley Aycock, Jr., uncle (Wake-House-1933). Relatives in state elective office: Charles Brantley Aycock, grandfather (governor, 1901-1905); Lennox Polk McLendon (chairman, State Board of Elections).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1933; 1965-71.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

McMICHAEL, JULE (1910-1972)

Senate, General Assembly of 1957; Democrat, Fifteenth District, Rockingham County.

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Twenty-fifth District, Rockingham County.

McMichael was born near Madison on November 19, 1910. He was the son of James Pleasant McMichael, a governmental administrator from Madison, and Anna Adele DeShazo, a music teacher from Spencer, Virginia. McMichael attended Wentworth Elementary and High School, 1916-26, and was graduated from Reidsville High School in 1927. He earned an A.B. degree in 1932 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In 1934 McMichael obtained an LL.B. degree from the U.N.C. Law School and served as editor of the U.N.C. Law Review. McMichael began a general law practice in 1934 and served as a partner in the following law firms in Reidsville: Scurry and McMichael, 1945-53; Brown, Scurry & McMichael, 1953-56; Brown, Scurry, McMichael & Griffin, 1956-62; Brown, Scurry, McMichael, Griffin & Rankin, 1962-64; McMichael, Griffin & Rankin, 1964-65; McMichael and Griffin, 1965-69; McMichael, Griffin, Blackwell & Post, 1969-70; and McMichael, Griffin & Post, 1970-72. His firm was counsel to such enterprises as Southern Railway, Duke Power Company, Southern Bell Telephone Company, Gulf Oil Company, Standard Oil Company, and Humble Oil & Refining Company. During World War I McMichael served in the United States Naval Reserve, 1942-46, and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. McMichael was stationed at the Naval Officer Procurement Office in Charleston, South Carolina, and in Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition, he saw duty at the Naval Supply Depot in Pearl Harbor and served with the Fourteenth Naval District Court at Pearl Harbor in 1945. McMichael died of a heart attack while attending a meeting of the Rockingham County Commissioners in Wentworth on February 7, 1972. He had resided in Reidsville and was buried at the Greenville Cemetery. Professional organizations: Rockingham County (president), Seventeenth Judicial District (president), North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Public Utilities. House committees: (chairman) Public Utilities; (vice-chairman) Judiciary, Public Welfare, Election Laws, Insurance. State positions: president, North Carolina Association of County Attorneys. County positions: attorney, Rockingham County, 1953-72; and chairman, Rockingham County Democratic Executive Committee, 1950-66. Municipal positions: attorney, Reidsville, 1949-72. Memberships: Reidsville Kiwanis Club. Presbyterian. Spouse: Mary Browne Wallace, Augusta, Georgia, speech pathologist, February 7, 1942. Children: Jule, Jr., born July 20, 1943; Howard Reid, born March 24, 1947; and George Pell, born January 3, 1949.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957; 1967-71.
Questionnaire, Mrs. Jule McMichael, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), February 8, 1972.
The Session Laws of North Carolina-Resolutions, 1973.

McMILLAN, ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER (1920-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, and 1969; Democrat, Wake County (1961-1966) and the Nineteenth District (1967-1970), Wake County.

Born in Raleigh on January 28, 1920, McMillan was the son of Robert Leroy McMillan, a lawyer from Wagram, Scotland County, and Mary Lee Swann, a writer and editor from Kingstree, South Carolina. One of two children, he was graduated from Broughton High School in 1936 as well as Darlington School in Rome, Georgia, 1937. McMillan earned an A.B. degree in 1941 from Wake Forest College, where he served as president of the senior class. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1941 to 1946 and attained the rank of captain. After his military service McMillan studied law at the Duke University Law School and the Claude Love School in Asheville. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1953 and immediately began a law practice in Raleigh. He presently is associated with the firm of McMillan & McMillan in Raleigh. Professional organizations: Wake County and North Carolina bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf; (vice-chairman) Highway Safety, Constitutional Amendments, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind, Health. State organizations: North Carolina Zoological Authority, chairman. Memberships, American Legion. Baptist. Spouse: Carol Montgomery Street, Forsyth County, teacher, January 23, 1954. Children: Carol, Julia, Amanda, Alexandra, and Archibald A., Jr. Relatives in General Assembly: John Charles McNeill, cousin (Scotland-House-1903); Thomas Winfield Blackwell, Jr., cousin (Forsyth-House-1947, 1949, 1951). Relatives in state appointive office: Robert Leroy McMillan, father (director, North Carolina Civil Defense).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-1969.
Questionnaire, October, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

McMILLAN, ROSCOE DRAKE, JR. (1913-)

House, General Assemblies of *1959, 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, and **1969; Democrat, Robeson County (1959-66) and the Twenty-fourth District (1967-69), Robeson County. *Governor Hodges appointed McMillan on July 31, 1959, to replace John B. Regan who had resigned. **McMillan resigned on August 30, 1969, to become state purchasing officer.

Born in Red Springs on June 11, 1913, McMillan was the son of Roscoe Drake McMillan, a physician from Rowland, and Gertrude Anne Garrison, a nurse from Reedville, Virginia. He was graduated from Red Springs High School in 1930 and earned a B.S. degree in commerce from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1934. He was enrolled in the United States Navy Supply Corps School and attended Harvard University in 1943. McMillan was commissioned an ensign in the United States Navy in 1942 and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre during World War II. He served as commanding officer of USNRCC and later attained the rank of captain in the United States Naval Reserve. During his lifetime McMillan has been engaged successfully in several careers including banking, auto and farm machinery sales, governmental administration, and educational administration. Career activities: accounting clerk, Federal Land Bank, Columbia, South Carolina, 1935; assistant cashier, Bank of Red Springs, 1936-39; assistant bank examiner, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 1939-42; vice-president, the Scottish Bank, Lumberton, 1942-46; president, R. D. McMillan, Inc. (an auto and farm machinery business), Red Springs, 1946-77; state purchasing officer, State of North Carolina, 1969-73; and assistant to the president, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1973-. Professional organizations: North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, president, 1968-69; First Union National Bank, Red Springs, director; and Red Springs Savings and Loan Association, director. House committees: (chairman) Highway Safety, Higher Education, Alcoholic Beverage Control. State organizations: Legislative Research Commission; Governor's Commission to Study the Public Schools of North Carolina, 1967-68, vice-chairman; and the North Carolina Traffic Safety Authority, 1963-69. Municipal positions: commissioner, Red Springs, 1947-53; and mayor, Red Springs, 1953-59. Boards: The Consolidated University of North Carolina, 1963-72; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1972-73; Pembroke State University, 1965-73; Vardell Hall, Red Springs, 1967-1971; North Carolina Cancer Hospital, vice-chairman, 1965-76; The Scottish College Foundation, chairman, 1956-70; Peace College, 1962-67; and the Presbyterian Home, High Point, 1963-67. Memberships: Roanoke Island Historical Association, director; Mason; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Red Springs Rotary Club, president, 1948. Awards: Governors Award For Outstanding Contribution to Traffic Accident Prevention in North Carolina. Presbyterian: commissioner, General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, United States, 1952-53; moderator, Fayetteville Presbytery, 1956; and member, North Carolina Synod's Committee on Educational Institutions. First spouse: Eleanor Webb Powe, July 9, 1937. Children: Roscoe D. III; and Mrs. Richard Hardaway Monroe. Second spouse: Elizabeth Anne Dixon, Preston, West Virginia, public relations, September 19, 1970. Relatives in General Assembly: Benjamin Franklin McMillan, grandfather, (Robeson-House-1913); John Purcell, (Robeson-

House-1829-30, 1830-31); Malcolm Purcell, (Robeson-House-1827-28, 1828-29); John Gilchrist (probably father and son **due to length of service**), (Robeson-House-1792-93, 1793-94, 1810, 1811, 1816, 1817, and 1822; Senate-1796, 1797, 1825-26, 1826-27, and 1846-47).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-71.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
Updated sketch, April, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

McMILLAN, WILLIAM HANNON (1938-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-fifth District, Iredell County.

One of three children, McMillan was born in Gaffney, South Carolina, on November 12, 1938. The son of William Hazel McMillian, a building and construction employee from Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and Ethel Jane Stacy, a social services worker from Gaffney, he moved to Charlotte, at the age of seven. From 1952 to 1956 McMillan attended Harding High School in Charlotte. After a year at Charlotte College (1956-57) he was enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and received a B.S. degree in 1960. He served in the United States Air Force, 1961-65, and attained the rank of first lieutenant. Later he entered the University of North Carolina Law School and received a J.D. degree in 1968. McMillan was admitted to the State Bar that year and at the age of twenty-nine began a law practice. He currently serves as a partner in the firm of Pope, McMillan & Bender in Statesville. Professional organizations: Iredell, North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Professional Law Enforcement Personnel and Practice; (vice-chairman) Judiciary. Federal positions: United States Magistrate, 1970-73. Municipal positions: chairman, Statesville Board of Elections; and founder and director, Home Builders Association of Statesville-Mooresville. Memberships: Kiwanis Club, president; and Carolina Dogwood Festival, Inc., founder and president. Baptist: teacher; and deacon. Spouse: Martha Eleanor Bynum, Jones County, Mississippi, teacher, April 17, 1965. Children: Stacy Eleanor.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-77.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

MABE, HENDERSON DAVID (1924-)

House, General Assembly of 1963; Democrat, Harnett County.

The son of Henderson David Mabe and Pauline Joyner, Mabe was born on October 20, 1924, in Kinston, Lenoir County. He attended Grainger High School in Kinston, North Carolina State College, 1943-1944, and Wake Forest College, 1944-1946. Mabe earned an M.D. degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College in 1950. He practiced medicine at Watts Hospital in Durham, 1950-1951. Mabe served in the United States Army Medical Corps, 1954-1956, and attained the rank of lieutenant. He presently operates a private practice in Erwin, Harnett County. Professional organizations: Harnett County Medical Society, North Carolina Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. House committees: Agriculture, Banks and Banking, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind, Education, Finance, Health, Highway Safety, Institutions For the Deaf, Public Welfare. Memberships: Kappa Sigma, Omicron-Delta Kappa, and Phi-Chi Medical fraternities. Episcopalian.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MARION, GEORGE W., JR. (1935-)

House, General Assembly of 1971; Democrat, Thirty-seventh District, Surry County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Fifteenth District, Surry County.

Born in Surry County on April 14, 1935, Marion was the son of George W. and Stanley Marion. He was graduated from Dobson High School in 1953 and completed four years at Appalachian State Teachers College. In addition, Marion served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 and attained the rank of spec. 3. He is employed as a housewares distributor and real estate salesman in Dobson. Professional organizations: Northwest Development Association, director. Senate committees: (chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts; (vice-chairman) Local Government and Regional Affairs. Educational organizations: Dobson P.T.A., president, 1966-1967, 1968-1969. Political activities: president, Surry County Young Democrats, 1969; and president, 5th District, Young Democrats, 1969. Memberships: Dobson Lions Club, president, 1969. Baptist. Spouse: Patty Hodges, 1959. Children: three daughters.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1971; 1975-1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MARTIN, ALBERT JENNINGS (1907-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-Fourth District, Yadkin County.

Born in Hamptonville, on March 20, 1907, Martin was the son of Asbury Jackson Martin and Victoria Brown of Hamptonville. His father was a teacher and farmer. Martin attended Hamptonville High School, 1921-24, and Mountain View High School, 1924-25. He was enrolled at Campbell College, 1926-28, and received an A.B. degree from Wake Forest College in 1930. While at Campbell he played football, basketball, and baseball. Martin studied at the graduate schools of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Catawba College, and the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He farmed during the early years of his life before deciding on a career in education administration. Martin served as principal of Booneville High and Elementary School in Booneville from thirty-seven years. His length of service as principal of one school was said to be a record in North Carolina. For many years he served as a successful girls' basketball coach. Following retirement Martin worked as an insurance adjuster. Professional organizations: North Carolina P.T.A., life member. House committees: Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Education, Insurance, State Personnel. Memberships: Booneville Lions Club, charter member and president. Baptist: Sunday School teacher; deacon; and choir member. Spouse: Jesse Lee Dickson, Ashe County, teacher, April 14, 1935. Children: Albert Jay. Relatives in General Assembly: B. R. Brown, grandfather (Yadkin-House-1879-80; Senate-1895); William Zeno Wood, nephew (Forsyth-House-1961; Senate-1965-66). Relatives in State Appointive Office: Santford Martin, brother (private secretary, Gov. Thomas W. Bickett, 1917-1921).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MARTIN, LESTER POINDEXTER, JR. (1924-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961 and 1963; Democrat, Davie County.

Martin was born in Mocksville on June 21, 1924. He was the son of Dr. Lester P. Martin, a physician from Mocksville, and Helen Bahnson of Farmington, Davie County. Martine was graduated from Mocksville High School in 1941 and attended Oak Ridge Military Institute in 1942. During World War II he served in the United States Army Air Force as a crew member in a troop carrier squadron and attained the rank of staff sergeant. After the war Martin was enrolled at Catawba College, 1945-1947, and earned an A.B. degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1949. He received his legal training at the Wake Forest School of Law where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1954. Martin served in the North Carolina National Guard from 1957 to 1962 and attained the rank of first lieutenant. Martin began a law practice in Mocksville and served as a partner in the firm of Martin and Martin in Mocksville from 1956 to 1974. Since 1974 he has served as chief district court judge, 22nd Judicial District of North Carolina. Professional organizations, North Carolina Bar Association. House committees: (chairman) Propositions and Grievances; (vice-chairman) Senatorial Districts, Water Resources and Control. State organizations: North Carolina State Bar Council, 1967-1975. County positions: director of civil-defense, Davie County, 1956-1960. Municipal positions: attorney, Mocksville. Trustee: Appalachian State University, 1963-1976. Memberships: Mason, and Shriner; and Rotary Club. Baptist: North Carolina Baptist General Board, 1967-1971. Spouse: Elizabeth Weaver, Lunenburg, Virginia, teacher, March 10, 1951. Children: Lester P. III; and Robert Samuel Weaver.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-1963.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MARTIN, PERRY WHITEHEAD (1928-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1957 and 1963; Democrat, Third District, Northampton County.

House, General Assemblies of 1969 and 1971; Democrat, Sixth District, Northampton County.

The son of B. R. Martin and Virgie Whitehead, Martin was born near Conway, Northampton County, on June 28, 1928. He was graduated from Conway High School in 1945 and attended Wake Forest College, 1945-47. Martin was enrolled from 1947 to 1950 at the Wake Forest Law School, where he earned an LL.B. degree. In October, 1951, he entered the United States Army as a private and within six months had received a **direct commission as first lieutenant**. Martin became trial judge advocate for the 47th Infantry Division and was released from active duty on June 28, 1954. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1950 and operates a private law practice in Rich Square. Senate committees: (chairman) Propositions and Grievances; (vice-chairman) Congressional Redistricting, Highway Safety, Higher Education. House committees: (chairman) Employment Security, Higher Education; (vice-chairman) Constitutional Amendments, Judiciary. State positions: resident judge, 6th Judicial District, North Carolina Superior Court, October, 1971 - November 15, 1977. County positions: solicitor, Northampton County Recorder's Court, 1954-56. Memberships: Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; Rotary International; and Mason. Awards, Freshman Orators Award, Wake Forest College. Baptist. Spouse: Carolyn Calhoun, Cottonwood, Alabama, December 13, 1953. Children: Perry W., Jr; and Lisa.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957; 1963; 1969-71.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MARVIN, HELEN RHYNE (1917-)
 (MRS. NED I. MARVIN)

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-fifth District, Gaston County.

Born in Gastonia on November 30, 1917, Marvin was the daughter of Dane Samuel Rhyne, a farmer from Gastonia, and Tessie Agnes Pearl Hastings of Bessemer City. She was reared on a farm and was graduated from Gastonia High School in 1934. Marvin obtained a B.A. degree in history and political science from Furman University in 1938. She was class valedictorian and was graduated magna cum laude. The following year Marvin received an M.A. degree in government from Louisiana State University. She completed graduate work in political science and history at numerous institutions including: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; University of North Carolina, Charlotte; University of Vermont; University of Colorado; and the University of Oslo (Norway). After occupations in governmental administration and teaching (primary and secondary level), she began teaching in community colleges. Marvin serves as department head (social sciences) and instructor at Gaston College in Dallas. Professional organizations: American, Southern, and North Carolina political science associations; Eastern Community College Social Science Association; North Carolina Community College Social Science Association; Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (Association of Women Educators); North Carolina Political Science Association, president; North Carolina Community College Social Science Association, chairman, advisory committee; and the North Carolina Association of Educators. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Criminal Justice; (member) Constitutional Amendments, Education, Finance, Law Enforcement and Crime Control. Federal positions: administrative assistant, United States War Department (Corps of Engineers). State organizations: North Carolina State Textbook Commission, 1961-65 (appointed by Gov. Terry Sanford); and the Governor's Council on Comprehensive Health Planning, 1969-1972 (appointed by Gov. Bob Scott). Political activities: president, Gaston County Democratic Women; Gaston County Democratic Executive Committee; North Carolina State Democratic Executive Committee; and delegate, 10th District, National Presidential Nominating Committee, 1972. Memberships: United Way of Gaston County, director and vice-chairman, 1976 campaign; Southern Piedmont Health Services Agency, secretary; and member, Gaston-Lincoln Mental Health Association. Presbyterian. Spouse: Ned Irving Marvin, New York City, administrator, November 21, 1941. Children: Kathryn Andrea Nisbet; Richard Morris; and David Rhyne.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
 Questionnaire, March, 1977.

MASHBURN, JAMES THOMAS (1922-)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Thirtieth District, Davidson County.

Born in Benson, Johnston County, on March 4, 1922, Mashburn was the son of Jasper Vaden Mashburn and Ethel Morgan of Benson. He was one of five children and was reared on a farm. Mashburn was graduated from Meadow High School in 1941, and upon graduation he served in the United States Air Force until 1946 and attained the rank of corporal. Mashburn received a B.S. degree in physical education and history from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1948. Early in his life he had worked as a farmer, but at the age of twenty-six Mashburn started a teaching career with the Lexington City Schools. Mashburn later attained the position of assistant principal at Lexington Middle School. He presently is employed by the Wake County School System as a science teacher at East Cary Junior High School and resides in Raleigh. Professional organizations, North Carolina Education Association. House committees: Banks and Banking, Education, Finance, Library, Wildlife Resources. Baptist. First spouse: Ann Martha Crowell (deceased December 13, 1973), Davidson County, December 20, 1948. Children: Mrs. Leslie Mashburn Brauer; and James Hedrick. Second spouse: Betty Brooks Parker, Wake County, secretary, March 26, 1976.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Questionnaire, September, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MASON, RONALD EARL (1929-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and *1977; Democrat, Third District (1971) and the Fourth District (1973-77), Carteret County. *Mason resigned on October 17, 1977, to become coordinator of civil works, North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

On August 3, 1929, Ronald Earl Mason was born in Atlantic, Carteret County. He was the son of Earl C. Mason, an insurance salesman from Atlantic, and Geraldine Robinson of Atlantic. One of two children, Mason attended Beaufort High School and Sullivan's Prep School in Washington, D.C. In addition, he was enrolled at Oak Ridge Military Institute and North Carolina State College. Mason served in the United States Air Force from 1949 to 1951 and attained the rank of sergeant. As an early career Mason was engaged in governmental administration, serving as town manager, Beaufort, 1959-62, and county manager, Carteret, 1962-66. Since 1966 Mason has been employed as a real estate broker and currently owns Mason Realty Company in Beaufort. As a parallel pursuit Mason serves as coordinator of civil works in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in Raleigh. House committees: (chairman) Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Natural Resources, Appropriations Committee on General Government and Transportation; (vice-chairman) Library, Rules, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; Beaufort Jaycees, president; Beaufort Chamber of Commerce, president; and Carteret Toastmasters Club, charter president. Political activities: Carteret County Young Democrats, charter president. Awards: Distinguished Service Award and Young Man of Year Award, Beaufort Jaycees. Baptist, Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Joyce Lewis, Davis, Carteret County, real estate saleswoman, June 2, 1949. Children: Ronald E., Jr. (deceased); Olivia; Cynthia; and Angelia. Relatives in General Assembly: Joseph W. Mason, grandfather (Carteret-House-1903).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-77.
Questionnaire, June, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

*MATHESON, DONALD STUART (1903-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat, Seventeenth District (1965-66) and the Eleventh District (1967), Orange County.

The son of D. S. Matheson and Esten Jennings, Matheson was born in Cheraw, South Carolina, on November 8, 1903. He was graduated from Cheraw High School in 1920 and attended Presbyterian College in South Carolina. Matheson earned a B.S. degree at North Carolina State College in 1925 and received an M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1932. He served as agricultural agent of Orange County for thirty-five years. In addition, Matheson was engaged in the real estate business. Professional organizations, National County Agricultural Agents Association. Senate committees: (chairman) Journal, Enrolling and Printing; (vice-chairman) Agriculture, University Trustees. Commissions, Research Triangle Planning. Boards: Three County Library; Hillsborough Historical Society; Orange County Industrial Development, president; Sunbury Textile Mills; Orange County United Fund; Central Carolina Bank and Trust Company, chairman (local). Educational activities, Morehead Scholarship Committee (local). Awards: Distinguished Service Award, National County Agricultural Agents Association, 1945. Memberships, Lions Club. Episcopalian: vestryman; and treasurer. Spouse: Elizabeth Drane Webb, November 4, 1933. Children, Elizabeth Webb.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-67.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

*Refused to complete questionnaire.

MATHIS, CAROLYN WILLIAMSON (1942-)
 (MRS. ALFRED RAY MATHIS)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and 1975-76; Republican, Thirty-sixth District, Mecklenburg County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Republican, Twenty-second District, Mecklenburg County.

Born in Roseboro, Sampson County, on January 20, 1942, Mathis was the daughter of Horace Ludwell Williamson, a farmer and salesman from Clinton, and Pearl Virginia Butler, a telephone operator and beautician from Roseboro. She was reared on a farm and was graduated from Clinton High School in 1959. Mathis received a B.S. degree in home economics from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro in 1963. She attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where in 1970 she obtained an M.Ed. degree in special education. She is employed with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and teaches children who are retarded and have learning disabilities. In addition, she sells real estate as a second occupation. Following the 1977-1978 Session Mathis became a member of the Democratic Party. Professional organizations: Charlotte Classroom Teachers Association; Children 100, Council For Exceptional Children; the Mecklenburg Association for Retarded Citizens; and the Charlotte Chapter, Council For Exceptional Children, president. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Appropriations Committee on Education. State organizations: Sexual Assault Study Committee, Legislative Research Commission; Council on Educational Services For Exceptional Children, 1974 (appointed by Governor Holshouser); and the Juvenile Code Commission, 1976. Methodist. Spouse: Alfred Ray Mathis, real estate salesman and administrator, Duplin County, September 29, 1962. Children: Carole Bentley. Relatives in the General Assembly: John Everette Tew, uncle (Sampson-House-1951); William Daniel (Peavine) Reynolds, uncle (Robeson-House-1955-56, 1957).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957; 1973-77.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MAUNEY, WILLIAM KEMP, JR. (1917-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Forty-third District, Cleveland County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and 1975-76; Democrat, Twenty-fifth District, Cleveland County.

The son of William Kemp Mauney, a textile manufacturer from Kings Mountain, and Sarah Jane Hoffman of Dallas, Gaston County, Mauney was born in Kings Mountain on August 15, 1917. He was one of four children born of German ancestry. After attending the city schools of Kings Mountain, 1923-34, he was graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1938 with an A.B. degree in math and history. At the age of twenty-two Mauney entered the field of textile manufacturing. He serves as president of Mauney Hosiery Mills, Inc., a firm that manufactures mens hosiery in Kings Mountain. In addition, he founded and served as president of Carolina Throwing Company, Inc., a synthetic yarns firm. As a second profession Mauney is engaged in the real estate business. Professional organizations: Catawba Valley Hosiery Club, director, 1963-64; National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers; and the Association of Synthetic Yarn Manufacturers, Inc. House committees: (chairman) Employment Security; (vice-chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation, Water and Air Resources. Senate committees: (chairman) Veterans and Military Affairs; Manufacturing, Labor, and Commerce. State organizations: North Carolina State Employees Incentive Pay Commission; and the State Democratic Party Study Commission, 1969-70. County positions: director, Cleveland County Mental Health Association. Municipal positions: president, Kings Mountain Industrial Association. Director: First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, Kings Mountain. Educational activities: trustee, Lenoir-Rhyne College; and director, Lenoir-Rhyne College Alumni Association. Memberships: Kings Mountain Lions Club, president; and Kings Mountain Jaycees, president. Lutheran: chairman, church council; and Sunday School superintendent. Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Calhoun County, Alabama, June 2, 1939. Children: Sarah (Mauney) Faunce; Mary (Mauney) Turner; William K. III; and Martha Jane. Relatives in General Assembly: William Andrew Mauney, great uncle (Cleveland-Senate-1907-08; House-1917); David A. Jenkins, great uncle (Gaston-House of Commons-1865-1866, 1866-67). Relatives in state elective office: David A. Jenkins (treasurer, North Carolina, 1868-76).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-75.
 Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MAXWELL, CHARLES KIMBLE (1923-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1967 and *1969; Democrat, Twenty-seventh District, Mecklenburg County. *He resigned shortly after the end of the 1969 Session, and Governor Scott appointed Philip J. Baugh on August 21, 1969, to replace Maxwell.

Maxwell was born in Whiteville, Columbus County, on November 29, 1923, and was the son of James Richard Maxwell and Sally Allen. He attended Whiteville Elementary School, 1930-1937, and was graduated from New Hanover High School in Wilmington in 1942. Maxwell entered Davidson College that year but withdrew from school to join the United States Air Force. He served for three years with the 331st B-29 Bombardment Group in the Pacific Theatre and attained the rank of sergeant. After the service Maxwell returned to Davidson College, 1945-1946. Maxwell works as a real estate developer in Charlotte; he served as president of Carolina Developers, Inc. and Maxwell Realty Company. In addition, he held the position of secretary-treasurer of South Eastern Developers, Inc. Maxwell made an unsuccessful attempt to unseat Congressman James G. Martin in the Ninth Congressional District in the general elections of November, 1978. Professional organizations: Charlotte Board of Realtors; State Realtors Association; National Realtors Association; and the National Institute of Farm and Land Brokers. Senate committees: (chairman) Correctional Institutions and Law Enforcement; (vice-chairman) Public Roads. Memberships, Mason and Shriner. Presbyterian. Spouse: Doris Jane Moore, June 19, 1948. Children: Thomas M.; Catherine J.; and John K.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1969.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MAYFIELD, JAMES T. (1931-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969 and 1971; Republican, Forty-sixth District, Henderson County.

Born in Anderson, South Carolina, on September 31, 1931, Mayfield was the son of John T. Mayfield and Lucille Boggs. He moved with his family to North Carolina and attended Swannanoa High School in Swannanoa, Buncombe County, 1944-1948. Mayfield earned a B.S. degree at Western Carolina College in 1952. As an early career he taught and coached at the secondary school level, 1952-1953 and 1955-1956. His teaching profession was interrupted by his service as sergeant in the United States Army, 1953-1955. Mayfield later was employed as a financial analyst by the General Electric plant in Hendersonville. He moved from North Carolina in the mid-1970s and took a position with the CBI Nuclear Company in Memphis, Tennessee. House committees: Conservation and Development, Employment Security, Finance, Local Government, Public Utilities, State Legislative Districts, Manufacturers and Labor. Trustee, Henderson County Technical Institute. Memberships, Elks. Baptist: Sunday School superintendent, 1962-1968. Spouse: Lyda West, April 17, 1953. Children: Jimmy, Ronnie, Barry, and Daryl.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1971.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MEARES, CARL WHITTEN (1907-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963 and *1965; Democrat, Tenth District (1963), and the Ninth District (1965), Columbus County.*Meares resigned on July 6, 1965, and Governor Moore appointed D. F. McGoughan, Jr., on August 19, 1965, to replace Meares.

Born in Fair Bluff, Columbus County, on September 10, 1907, Meares was the son of Ellis Meares, founder of the family wholesale and retail merchandising business, and Minnie Anderson. He received his high school education at Mars Hill College, 1923-27. Meares attended Mars Hill College, 1927-29, and the University of North Carolina, 1929-31. As his main occupation he operated Ellis Meares & Son, Inc., a merchandising business located in Fair Bluff. The concern handles hardware, furniture, appliances, farm implements, building supplies, tobacco flues, oil-burning tobacco curers, and offers complete funeral service. In addition, Meares worked in automobile sales and service. He served as president of Lumberton Motors, Lincoln-Mercury, and held the same office in Fair Bluff Motors, Inc., Ford. Senate committees: (chairman) Public Roads; (vice-chairman) Higher Education, Propositions and Grievances, Libraries. Director: First Union National Bank, Charlotte and Fair Bluff, Waccamaw Brick Company, and Waccamaw Pottery Company. Trustee, Mars Hill College. Memberships: Rotary Club; and Shriner. Baptist. Spouse: Margaret McQueen Bracy, July 7, 1939. Children: Carolyn McQueen; Carl W., Jr.; and Mary Lee.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-65.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MERRITT, HUGH LEE (1908-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat, Surry County (1965-66) and the Thirty-seventh District (1967), Surry County.

The son of W. E. Merritt and Caroline Kochtitzky, Merritt was born in Mount Airy on April 5, 1908. He attended Mount Airy High School and earned a B.S. degree in commerce from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1929. A hosiery manufacturer, Merritt holds the position of chairman of the board of Renfro Hosiery Mills in Mount Airy. Merritt participated as a volunteer with the International Executive Service Corporation, and he served in South Korea and Panama. Professional organizations: Southern Hosiery Association, director; and the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, director. House committees: (chairman) Enrolled Bills and Expenditures; (vice-chairman) Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Trustees of the University. Commissions: North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, 1970-76; Northwest Economic Development Commission; and the Surry County Recreation Commission, chairman, 1977. Boards: Northern Surry Hospital, 1957- . Memberships, Mason and Shriner. Methodist: board of stewards; and trustee. Spouse: Emma Rice, April 29, 1939. Children: Emma Jane; Julia Frances; Nancy Elizabeth; and Hugh L., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-67.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MESSER, ERNEST BRYAN (1913-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Haywood County (1963-66), the Forty-seventh District (1967-72), and the Forty-fourth District (1973-78), Haywood County.

One of six children of Forrest W. Messer, a merchant from Waynesville, and Effie Jane Furr of Thomasville, Messer was born in Waynesville on December 21, 1913. He attended Lee Edwards High School in Asheville from 1927 through 1931 and earned a B.A. degree from Carson Newman College in 1935. From 1935 to 1939 Messer served as a teacher and basketball coach in the Haywood County Schools. At the age of twenty-four he left his teaching profession and began a career in industrial management. Messer attained the position of supervisor of the Wood Procurement Department of Champion International, Inc., a manufacturer of paper products in Canton. During World War II he served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of lieutenant. House committees: (chairman) Manufacturing and Labor, Election Laws, Insurance, Aging, Appropriations (sub-committee). State organizations: Conservation and Development Study Commission; Water and Air Resources Study Commission; Governor's Advisory Council on Comprehensive Health Planning; State Mental Health Services; and the Legislative Research Commission. County organizations: Haywood County Mental Health Association, director and president; Haywood County Democratic Executive Committee, chairman; Haywood County Planning Board; and the Haywood County Historical Association. Trustee, Haywood Technical Institute. Memberships: Canton Lions Club; Canton Toastmasters Club; American Legion; and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Awards: Layman's Award For Distinguished Service to Education, Phi Delta Kappa, Western Carolina University, 1974. Baptist: adult teacher; and director, training union. Spouse: Jincy Owen, Canton, teacher, January 11, 1936. Children: Mrs. Clyde Poovey, Jr., Atlanta.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-77.
 Questionnaire, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MICHAUX, HENRY McKINLEY, JR. (1930-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and *1977; Democrat, Sixteenth District, Durham County. *He resigned on July 18, 1977, to accept appointment as United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Born in Durham on September 4, 1930, Michaux was the son of Henry McKinley Michaux, a real estate salesman from Adako, Caldwell County, and Isadore Coates, a teacher and native of Fredricksburg, Virginia. He was graduated from Palmer Memorial Institute in 1948 and received a B.S. degree from North Carolina Central University in 1952. Michaux served in the United States Army Medical Corps, 1952-54, and attained the rank of sergeant. He received his legal education at the North Carolina Central Law School (1964). He was employed as an attorney, real estate broker, property insurance agent, and appraiser. Michaux served as executive vice-president of Union Insurance and Realty Company of Durham. In his present capacity with the United States Department of Justice, he was the first black in the South to have been appointed a United States attorney. Professional organizations: National Association of Real Estate Brokers, general counsel; North Carolina, Fourteenth Judicial District (director) and National bar associations; and the American Judicature Society. House committees: (chairman) Highway Safety; (vice-chairman) Higher Education, Manufacturing and Labor, Judiciary, Human Resources. State positions: chief assistant solicitor, Fourteenth Salicitorial District. County positions: assistant district attorney, Durham County. Municipal positions: chairman, Turnkey III Committee, Durham Housing Authority. Political activities: Steering Committee, National Caucus of Black Democrats. Awards: Service and Political Award, National Association of Real Estate Brokers, 1972. Methodist. Spouse: Joyce Millett Winston, Cook County, Illinois, accountant, July 2, 1966. Children: Jocelyn M. Winston.

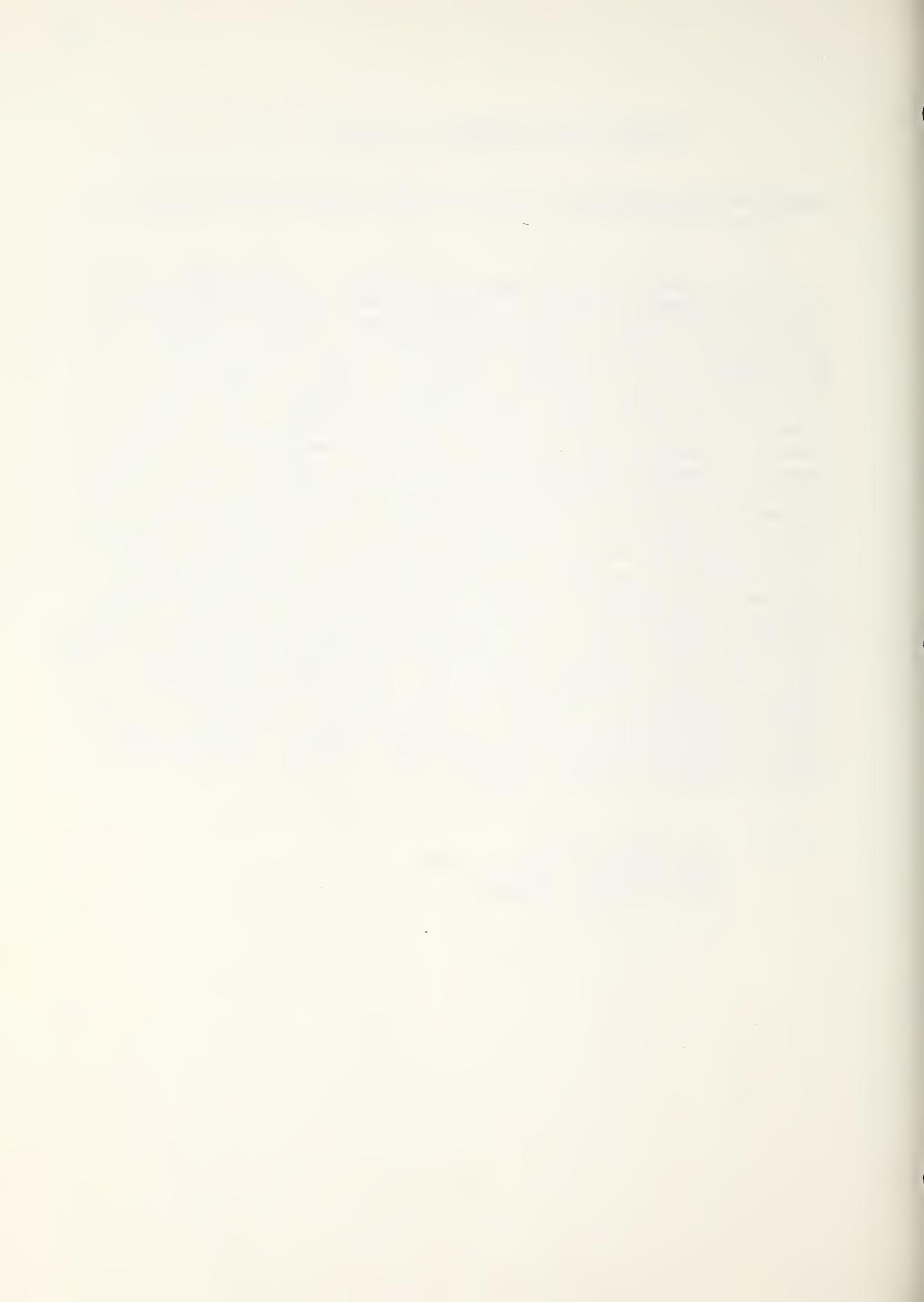
Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-77.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MIDGETT, PELEG DAMERON, JR. (1899-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1961 and 1963; Democrat, Second District, Hyde County.

Born in Wanchese, Dare County, on December 7, 1899, Midgett was the son of Peleg Dameron Midgett of Rodanthe, Dare County, and Martha Jane Tillett of Wanchese. His father was employed in the United States Life Saving Service. Midgett attended Wanchese Public School, 1906-17, and Trinity Park School in Durham, 1917-18. He served as a private in the United States Army from October to December, 1918. In 1922 Midgett received an A.B. degree from Trinity College in Durham. After a short career of teaching in the primary and secondary schools, he began a career in business administration at the age of twenty-three. Midgett serves as president and chairman of the board of Pamlico Power and Light Company in Englehard, Hyde County. In addition, Midgett is engaged in the banking business and serves as director of East Carolina Bank. Professional organizations: Conference of American Small Business Organizations, executive committee. Senate committees: (chairman) Conservation and Development; (vice-chairman) Public Utilities. State positions: chairman, State Shellfish Study Commission, 1945-47; director, Business Development Corporation of North Carolina; and director, Travel Council of North Carolina, Inc. County positions: president, Hyde County Development Corporation; president, the Southern Albemarle Association; and president, the Greater Albemarle Association. Municipal organizations: town council, Englehard. Memberships: Rotary Club, district governor; and Hyde County Red Cross and March of Dimes, chairman. Methodist: chairman, board of trustees; lay reader; and teacher. Spouse: Virginia Riddick Brittain, Nansemond County, Virginia, 1932. Children: Peleg D. III; George E.; Martha Jane; and Bernard W.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.



MILGROM, HENRY MARIOTT (1919-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1971; Democrat, Eighth District, Nash County.

Born in Battleboro on September 14, 1919, Milgrom was the son of Moritz O. Milgrom of Dresden, Germany, and Mary Marriott, an insurance saleswoman from Tarboro. Milgrom was graduated from Battleboro High School and attended North Carolina State College. He is founder and president of Henry Milgrom, Inc., a farm service business in Battleboro, and serves as president of Milgrom Farm Products, Inc., a peanut enterprise also in Battleboro. Boards: Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Battleboro, chairman; Federal Land Bank of Tarboro, chairman; and Edgecombe Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Local Government, State Policies. State organizations: North Carolina Recreation Commission; Buggs Island Development Commission; North Carolina Department of Local Affairs, Advisory Council; and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, district chairman and president. County positions: Nash County Board of Commissioners, eighteen years; Nash County Fire Protection Program, organizer; chairman, Nash County Board of Health, Law Enforcement and Welfare; and fire commissioner, Nash County. Municipal positions: town council, Battleboro; and mayor, Battleboro. Political organizations: Nash County Young Democrats, president, 1952; National Democratic Convention delegate, 1976; State Democratic Party, coordinator, 1976; and the National Democratic Committee Finance Council. Memberships: Battleboro Lions Club, president; Elks; Mason and Shriner; Farm Bureau; Grange; and Roanoke Firemen's Association, president. Episcopalian: vestryman; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Ruby Vick Braswell, Nash County, secretary, June 6, 1939. Children: William P.; Brent; and Anne.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971.
 Updated sketch, May, 1978.
 Questionnaire, Mrs. Henry M. Milgrom, June, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MILLER, GEORGE WASHINGTON III (1930-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78, Democrat, Eighteenth District (1971) and the Sixteenth District (1973-78), Durham County.

The son of George Washington Miller, a railroader from Rowan County, and Blanche Marie Iddings of Rowan County, Miller was born in Spencer on May 14, 1930. He attended Spencer Elementary and High School, 1936-48, and earned a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1954. Miller had served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953 and attained the rank of sergeant. He received his legal education from the University of North Carolina Law School, where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1957. Miller was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar that same year and began practicing law at the age of twenty-seven. He presently is a partner in the firm of Haywood, Denny & Miller in Durham. Professional organizations: Durham County, North Carolina, and American bar associations; and the International Association of Insurance Counsel. House committees: (chairman) Highway Safety, Public Utilities; (vice-chairman) Commissions and Institutions For Blind and Deaf, Highway Safety, Base Budget. State organizations: North Carolina Symphony Board of Trustees; North Carolina Division of Health Sciences, Citizens Advisory For Center For Alcohol Studies, vice-president; and North Carolina Young Democrats, president, 1964-65. Memberships: Sertoma Club; and the Defense Research Institute, Inc. Methodist: chairman, weekday school committee, 1968; and member, official board. Spouse: Eula Elizabeth Hux, Halifax County, June 21, 1958. Children: Elizabeth Anne; Blanche Rose; and George W. III.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-77.
 Questionnaire, Anne Miller, daughter, June, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

MILLS, FRED MOORE, JR. (1922-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, Nineteenth District (1963) and the Twenty-fourth District (1965-66), Anson County.

House, General Assemblies of 1967 and 1969; Democrat, Thirty-third District, Anson County.

A native of Wadesboro, Mills was born on March 26, 1922, and was the son of Fred Moore Mills and Zeta Fetzer. Mills served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of technical sergeant. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1950 with a B.S. degree in commerce. For the majority of his life he was employed as a farmer and businessman. Mills later entered the field of state government administration; he served as Governor Scott's legislative liaison to the 1971 General Assembly and held the position of secretary of the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety from November 30, 1971, to January 5, 1973. Since 1973 Mills has served as legislative consultant to Electricities of North Carolina. House committees: (chairman) Roads; (vice-chairman) Public Utilities, Public Welfare, Rules and Operations of the House. Senate committees: (chairman) Public Utilities; (vice-chairman) Penal Institutions. Memberships: American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Loyal Order of Moose. Presbyterian, deacon. Spouse: Frances Lee Davis, December 28, 1953. Children: Fred M. III; and James Fetzer.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-69.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.



MITCHELL, AUSTIN A. (1916-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Republican, Thirty-fourth District (1967-72), and the Thirty-first District (1973-74) Rowan County.

Born in Comer, Madison County, Georgia, on May 30, 1916, Mitchell was the son of Arthur A. Mitchell, a farmer from Madison County, Georgia, and Ella Vaughan of Ila, Georgia. He was reared on a farm and spent his childhood in Winston County, Alabama. Mitchell attended high school in Double Spring, Alabama, 1927-28, and Athens High School in Athens, Georgia, 1928-31. He was enrolled at Textile School, Belmont in 1941, Baltimore Business School (drafting) in 1942, and studied electricity and refrigeration in 1951 at Christy Trades School in New York City. After working as an industrial laborer, insurance salesman, and merchant, Mitchell, at the age of thirty-eight, became an installation supervisor. He is employed as a parts service representative with the Bahnson Company, the Industrial and Quality Division of Envirotech Corporation. Located in Winston-Salem, this firm dealt in industrial air, heating, air conditioning, and air circulation. Mitchell had served as manager of the Colonial Theatre, Main Theatre, and the Friendly Finance Company in Kannapolis. Professional organizations: Junior Order of American Mechanics, vice-counselor. House committees: (vice-chairman) Public Buildings and Grounds, Military and Veterans Affairs. State organizations: Health Insurance Advisory Board, 1976. Political activities: Rowan County Republican Party Executive Committee; North Carolina State Republican Party Executive Committee; and Republican State Convention, delegate, 1972. Memberships: United Commercial Travelers; and the North Kannapolis Lions Club, first vice-president. Baptist: director, training union. Spouse: Kathleen Pethel, industrial laborer, Rowan County. Children: Mrs. Joyce Gullledge.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-73.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MILLS, WILLIAM DONALD (1932-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat, Onslow County (1965-1966) and the Fourth District (1967), Onslow County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Sixth District (1971) and the Third District (1973-1976), Onslow County.

The son of Leo Bell Mills and Mildred Jones, Mills was born in Maysville, Jones County, on October 8, 1932. He was graduated from White Oak High School in 1950 and attended East Carolina College, September to December, 1950, and 1953-1954. Mills had served as a corporal in the United States Army from January, 1951 to December, 1952. He owns and operates a retail furniture and appliance business. Professional organizations: North Carolina Merchants Association, state director. House committees: (vice-chairman) Higher Education, Library. Senate committees: (chairman) Local Government, Appropriations Committee on Personnel and Long Range Planning, Economy; (vice-chairman) Conservation and Development, Appropriations. County positions: commissioner, Onslow County, 1959-1964. Educational organizations: North Carolina Community College Trustee Association, president, 1975-1976; and trustee, Coastal Carolina Community College. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; Moose; Order of Eastern Star; and Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, director. Methodist: superintendent, 1954-1960; trustee, 1962- ; and president, Methodist Men's Club, 1959-1960. Spouse: Donniere Morton, January 25, 1952. Children: William D., Jr.; Robert Duane; and Kathy Darlene.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1965-1967; 1971-1975.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MOHN, JAMES FRANKLIN, SR. (1910-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Democrat, Fourth District, Onslow County.

The son of Frank C. Mohn and Hattie Harrelson, Mohn was born in Pender County on July 26, 1910. He attended the schools of Pender County, 1917-29, Wilmington School, 1932, and the summer session of Bible College, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1940. As an early career Mohn served as a minister from 1927 to 1934 and again held the position of pastor, 1970-71. He had moved to Richlands in 1932 and had begun a merchant business in 1934. Mohn became president of J. F. Mohn Mercantile Company as well as J. F. Mohn and Sons Grain Company. He retired from his family business on December 31, 1976. Professional organizations, Carolina Farm & Power Equipment Dealers Association. House committees: (chairman) Public Buildings and Grounds, Military and Veterans Affairs; (vice-chairman) Public Buildings and Grounds, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Military and Veterans Affairs. County positions: commissioner, Onslow County, 1952-56 and 1958-62 (chairman, 1958-60). Municipal positions: mayor, Richlands, 1942-46; and councilman, Richlands, 1947-51. Memberships: Lions Club, president; and Loyal Order of Moose. Disciples, 1940-60. Baptist: 1960- , Men's Bible Class teacher. Spouse: Lyde Mae Carter, July 17, 1932. Children: James F., Jr.; Donald C.; Robert H.; Frederick H.; David J.; and Kay M. Humphrey.

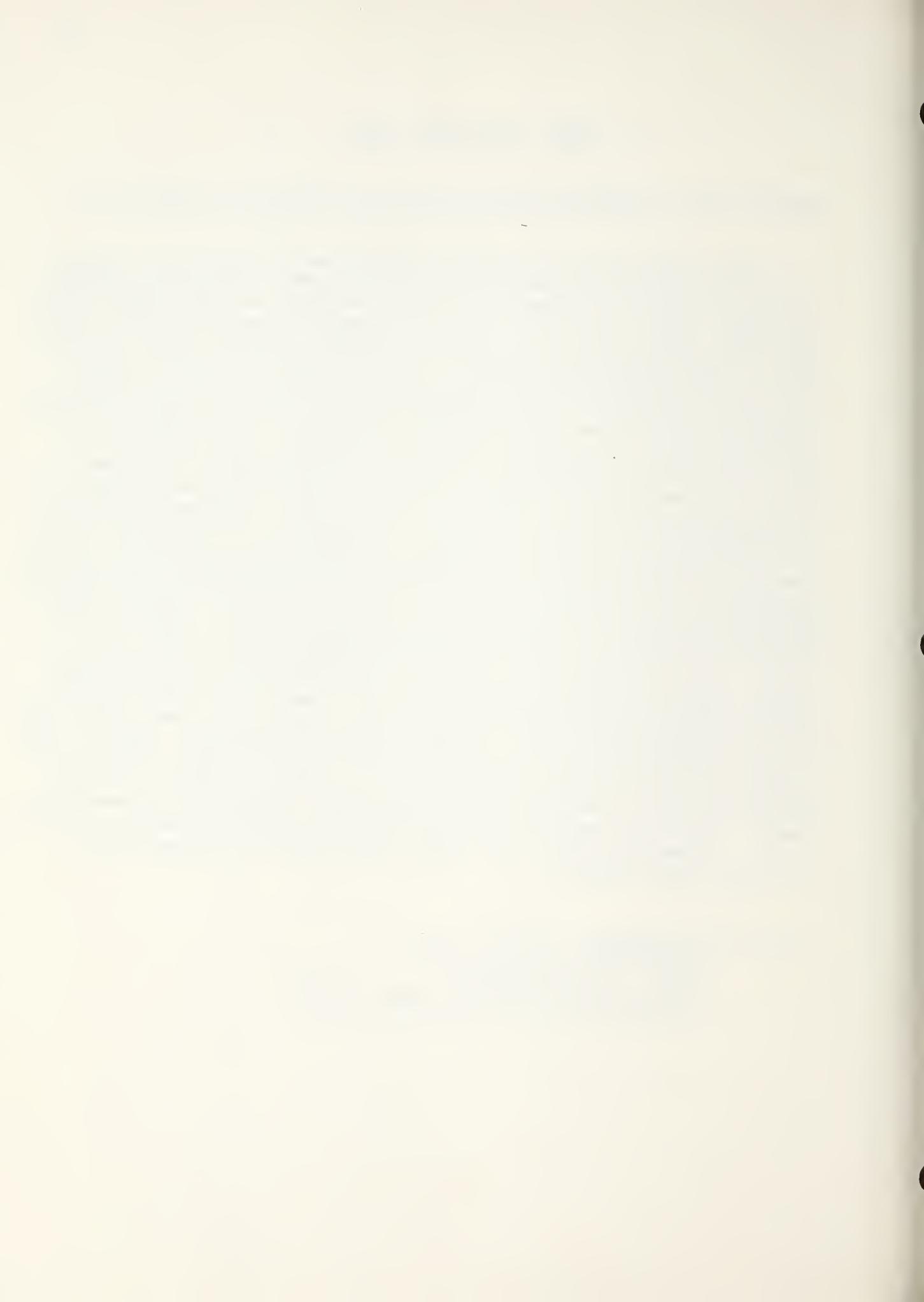
Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-73.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MOODY, JACK ARTHUR (1927-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, Chatham County.

Born in Moore County on August 26, 1927, Moody was the son of Jasper Lee Moody (1897-1978), a lawyer from Chatham County, and Lucy Ann Baldwin, a teacher from Moore County. One of three children, he was graduated from Siler City High in 1944. Moody served as seaman in the United States Navy, 1945-1946. He earned an A.A. degree at Campbell College in 1947, received an A.B. degree from Elon College in 1949, and obtained an LL.B. degree in 1953 from the University of Richmond School of Law. In addition, Moody attended Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island, as well as Officers' Candidate School. From 1953 to 1955 he served as a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. Moody was admitted to the State Bar in 1955 and began a law practice at the age of twenty-eight. He currently serves as a partner in the law firm of Moody, Moody & Williams in Siler City. Moody also served on the board of directors of Sanford Savings and Loan Association in Siler City and held the position of secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Railroad Company. Professional organizations: Chatham County and North Carolina bar associations; North Carolina Trial Lawyers Association; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and the National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel. House committees: (chairman) Congressional Districts; (vice-chairman) Penal Institutions. State organizations: North Carolina Prison Commission, 1961. Political activities: chairman, Fourth Congressional District, Young Democrats, 1959; and president, Chatham County Young Democrats, 1960. Memberships: North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce; Siler City Junior Chamber of Commerce, president, 1960; Siler City Rotary Club, director; and American Legion. Baptist: teacher, Young Adult Sunday School Class, 1960-. Spouse: Mary Helen Barden, Lumberton, Robeson County, social services, November 13, 1965. Children: William Barden; Lee Harrison; and Stephen Bain. Relatives in General Assembly: Jasper Lee Moody, father (Chatham-House-1935); Thomas Fleet Baldwin, uncle (Chatham-House-1949); and Wiley F. Mitchell, Jr., brother-in-law, (Virginia-Senate-1976-77).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1965.
Questionnaire, October, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.



MOORE, HERMAN AUBREY, JR. (1928-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66, *1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Twenty-fifth District (1965-66), Twenty-seventh District (1967-72) and the Twenty-second District (1973-76), Mecklenburg County. *President pro tem.

Moore was born on November 8, 1928, in Greenwood, South Carolina. His parents were Herman Aubrey Moore, a banker from Honea Path, South Carolina, and Emmie McConnell of Kingstree, South Carolina. One of two children, Moore at the age of seven moved with his family to North Carolina. He attended Culver Military Academy, 1944-46, Darlington School, Rome, Georgia, 1946-47, and Central High School in Charlotte, 1947-48. In addition, he was enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Charlotte College. At the age of twenty-one Moore began a career in banking and finance. He currently holds the position of senior vice-president of American Credit Corporation, an auto financing and leasing firm in Charlotte. He serves on its board of directors, executive committee, and as a consultant. In addition, Moore serves as president of the Hagley Corporation, and as a consultant for the Randolph Clinic, Inc. As a second career Moore serves as president of Sherard, Moore & Associates, a commercial real estate sales and development firm in Charlotte. Professional organizations: National Society of State Legislators; and the National Legislative Leaders Conference. Senate committees: (chairman) Propositions and Grievances, Rules, Wildlife, Appropriations, Rules and Operations of Senate, Public Roads. State organizations: Committee on State Government Reorganization; North Carolina Tax Study Commission, chairman; Legislative Research Commission, co-chairman; Governor's Study Committee on Vocational Rehabilitation; and the North Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission. County positions: commissioner, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority. Director: North Carolina Wildlife Federation; North Carolina Foundation for Mental Research; North Carolina Children's Home Society; Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital; Central Piedmont Community College Foundation; and the North Carolina Council on National Purposes. Political activities: president, Mecklenburg County Young Democrats; and secretary, Mecklenburg County Democratic Executive Committee, 1952-56. Presbyterian. First spouse: Bette Hovle Craig (deceased), Gaston County, October 30, 1950. Children: Leslie; Herman A. III; Craig; and Eric. Second spouse: Martha Ann Tobin, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, marketer, September 25, 1975.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-75.
 Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MOORE, REUBEN LESLIE (1914-)

House, General Assemblies of *1965-66 and 1969; Democrat, Pender County (1965-1966) and the Fourth District (1969), Pender County. *Governor Moore appointed Moore to the House on November 15, 1965, to replace Ashley M. Murphy who had resigned.

One of four children, Moore was born in Currie, Pender County, on December 11, 1914. His parents were Samuel Leslie Moore and Alice Iona Hilburn of Currie. Reared in a farm environment near Atkinson, Moore was graduated from Atkinson High School in 1932. He attended Wake Forest College from 1933 to 1937 and earned a B.A. degree at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, 1971. Moore had resided in Illinois during the 1950's and had served on the Will County (Illinois) Board of Education, 1955-1957. As an early occupation he was employed by the Armour and Company as a branch manager in Greensboro and Winston-Salem. In Pender County Moore was engaged in real estate and farming. In 1971 he attained the position of editor and publisher of the Pender Post, a weekly newspaper published in Burgaw. Professional organizations: North Carolina and National association of realtors. House committees: Agriculture, Appropriations Subcommittee on Personnel and Long Range Planning, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Conservation and Development, Education, Public Buildings and Grounds, Public Utilities. County organizations: Pender County Farm Bureau, president, 1963-1968 (alternate delegate, National Farm Bureau Convention, 1964); Pender County Agricultural Advisory Committee, chairman, 1965; Pender County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, 1963-1964; Pender County Democratic Executive Committee, vice-chairman, 1964; and the Pender County Economic Development Commission, 1978. Director: Sencland Development Association, 1965-1967. Memberships: Mason, master; and Rotary Club. Methodist: chairman, board of stewards; Sunday School superintendent; adult teacher; and lay reader and speaker. Spouse: Frances Helen Jones, Laurinburg, Scotland County, August 31, 1940. Children: Reuben L., Jr., Elizabethtown; John William, Atkinson; and Patricia Moore Foyles, Hendersonville.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
 Questionnaire, October, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MORGAN, JAMES FRANKLIN (1943-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Guilford County.

Born in High Point on June 21, 1943, Morgan was the son of James Virgil Morgan, a lawyer from High Point, and Dorothy Bowden of Chapel Hill. Morgan was educated from High Point Central High School where he excelled in football and wrestling. He earned a B.A. degree from Guilford College in 1966 and obtained a J.D. degree in 1969 from the Cumberland School of Law, Sanford University. Morgan began a law career at the age of twenty-six and since 1973 has been affiliated with the firm of Morgan, Post, Herring & Morgan in High Point. As president of the North Carolina Jaycees, Morgan was instrumental in increased membership and programs throughout the state. Professional organizations: High Point (secretary-treasurer, 1970-1971), Eighteenth Judicial District (treasurer, 1970-1971), North Carolina, and American Awards Committee, 1971) bar associations; and the North Carolina and American trial lawyers associations. House committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Courts and Judicial Districts, Finance, Highway Safety, Judiciary, Professional Law Enforcement Personnel and Practice. State organizations: Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council, 1972-1975; Board of North Carolina Legal Services--High Point Division, chairman; North Carolina Outward Bound School, Interior Board; and the North Carolina Society for the Prevention of Blindness, board member. Municipal positions: chairman, steering committee which advised the mayor and city council; and chairman and president, High Point Volunteers to the Court. Memberships: High Point Chamber of Commerce; United Appeal; Urban Ministry of High Point, Inc.; Nat Greene Youth Development, Inc.; North State Caucus, board member; and the Heart Association. Awards and honors: Personalities of the South, 1972- ; Who's Who--North Carolina, 1973- ; Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans, 1976- ; One of Five Outstanding Young Men in North Carolina, 1973 and 1974; and Man of Year, High Point, 1973 and 1974. Methodist: administrative board; Sunday School superintendent and teacher; pastor, parish committee; nominating committee; and chairman, Area For Building Fund Drive. Spouse: Ann Tinsley, Guilford County, teacher, June 29, 1963. Children: Lea Evans, born April 15, 1969; and James F. II, born August 22, 1971.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

MORGAN, ROBERT BURREN (1925-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1959, 1963, *1965-66, and 1967; Democrat, Twelfth District (1955-56; 1959; 1963), Eighteenth District (1965-66), and the Thirteenth District (1967), Harnett County. *President pro tem.

A native of Lillington, Morgan was born on October 5, 1925. He was the son of James Harvey Morgan and Alice Butts, both farmers from Angier. Morgan was educated in the public schools of Lillington and earned a B.S. degree from East Carolina College in 1947. During World War II he had served in the United States Navy with the Pacific Fleet, 1944-46. In addition, Morgan saw active duty during the Korean Conflict in 1952. He served in both the United States Naval Reserve and Air Force Reserve and retired from the latter after he had attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. Morgan received his legal education at Wake Forest Law School where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1949. He immediately returned to his home county where he was elected clerk of the Harnett County Superior Court and served from 1950 to 1954. At the end of his term Morgan embarked on a law career and began a private practice in Lillington. During his five terms in the North Carolina Senate, Morgan emerged as a recognized leader in the areas of prison reform, mental health, and education. In 1968 and 1972 he was elected attorney general of North Carolina. During his two terms in the North Carolina Department of Justice he was responsible for making his office one of the most efficient and effective in the United States. Morgan created the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division which was recognized nationally as a pioneer in the consumer protection movement. In addition, under his leadership the Department of Justice established a Police Information Network and strengthened the State Bureau of Investigation. For his efforts Morgan was known as the "People's Attorney" and was selected the outstanding attorney general in the United States. Armed with these outstanding achievements as attorney general, Morgan ran for the United States Senate and was elected on November 5, 1974. As a member of the Senate he served on the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the Ethics Committee. Morgan held the position of chairman of the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Small Business, and served as chairman of the Building and Grounds Subcommittee of the Public Works Committee. Some of the issues Morgan supported while in Washington were individual rights, the cause of the small businessman, fiscal responsibility, and changes in the inheritance tax laws in order to preserve the family farm in North Carolina and throughout the country. Professional organizations: Harnett County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees (General Assembly): (chairman) Propositions and Grievances; Journal, Engrossing, Enrolling and Printing; Rules; Judiciary; (vice-chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts; Mental Health; Higher Education. Trustee: (chairman) East Carolina University, nine terms; and Lees McRae College. Publications, Youth and the Law. Memberships: Rotary Club; American Legion; and Mason and Shriner. Baptist. Spouse: Katie Earle Owen, Roseboro, Sampson County, educational administrator, 1960. Children: Mary Elizabeth; Margaret Anne; and Rupert Morgan Tart (foster son).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955; 1959; 1963-77.
Questionnaire, February, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Congressional Directory, 95th Congress, 1977.

MORGAN, ROBERT FOSTER (1922-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1953, 1955-56, 1957, *1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Twenty-seventh District, Cleveland County. *President pro tem.

Born in Anderson County, South Carolina, on June 24, 1922, Morgan was the son of O. Z. Morgan and Minnietta Foster. He moved with his family to North Carolina at an early age and attended the public schools of Cleveland County and Boiling Springs High School. Morgan earned an A.A. degree from Gardner-Webb College in 1941 and was enrolled at Yale University, 1943-1944. He had enlisted as a private in the United States Air Force in 1942 and was discharged as a captain in 1946. In addition, Morgan served in an inactive capacity with the Air Force Reserve. Morgan was part owner of Morgan & Company, Inc., of Shelby. Professional organizations: North Carolina Seedsmen Association, Executive Committee; National Cotton Council; and the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, president. Senate committees: (chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Agriculture; Rules; Congressional Districts; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Banking, Finance. County positions: president, Cleveland County Ginners Association. Memberships: Rotary Club, president; Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce, director; and Mason. Methodist: Official Board; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Ruth Norment Moore, Lumberton, Robeson County, 1953. Children: two daughters.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1953-1963.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

MORRIS, GLENN ALEXANDER (1908-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Forty-first District, McDowell County.

The son of Thomas Morris, a farmer, and Mary Neal of McDowell County Morris was born in Marion on November 9, 1908. One of eight children, he was enrolled at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia, 1928-1929. Morris then attended Wake Forest College from 1929 to 1931 and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and served as president of Tau Chapter, Kappa Alpha Order. At the age of twenty-three he started a career in textile manufacturing. Morris served as general manager, president, and treasurer, of Clinchfield Manufacturing Company, a branch of Burlington Industries, Inc., in Marion. House committees: (chairman) Employment Security; (vice-chairman) Finance, Corporations, Manufacturing and Labor. State organizations: Governor Hunt's Productivity Commission; and the University of North Carolina--Asheville Foundation, board of directors. County positions: vice-chairman, McDowell County Commissioners, 1953-59; director, McDowell County Dread Disease Society; and member, Marion and McDowell County Recreation Commission. Boards: (chairman) governors, Marion General Hospital, 1954-64; First Union National Bank of Marion, 1951- ; and the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Asheville, 1954-63. Memberships: Executive Committee, Piedmont Council (Boy Scouts), 1940-50. Awards: Man of the Year, Marion, 1952. Baptist: deacon, 1955-. Spouse: Mary Augusta McGregor, Rutherford County, teacher, October 5, 1939. Children: Glenn A., Jr.; and James McGregor.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-77.
 Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MULLINAX, LOYD ALEXANDER (1917-)

House, General Assembly of 1967; Democrat, Fortieth District, Catawba County.

The son of Loyd Alexander Mullinax, a farmer from Newton, and Hattie Edna Reitzel, a textile manufacturer from Newton, Mullinax was born in Newton on January 26, 1917. He was graduated from Newton-Conover High School in 1934, and received a degree in accounting from Newton Business School in 1941. Mullinax served in the North Carolina State Guard from 1942 to 1943 and attained the rank of sergeant (company clerk). He was enrolled at the University of Georgia, 1961-62, and completed courses in management for executive development. After working as a textile manufacturer in Newton for six years, he began working in governmental administration. Mullinax was elected deputy clerk, Superior Court, Catawba County, 1941-43, and clerk, 1944. From 1944 to 1946 he served as administrative assistant to Joseph W. Ervin and Sam J. Ervin, Jr., during their terms in Congress from the Tenth Congressional District of North Carolina. Mullinax began a banking and finance career at the age of twenty-nine. He serves as president of the Citizens Savings and Loan Association of Newton. In addition to banking, Mullinax is engaged in the insurance business. Professional organizations: American Savings and Loan Institute; Southeastern Conference, United States Savings and Loan League, director; and the North Carolina Savings and Loan League, director, vice-president and president. House committees: Banks and Banking, Conservation and Development, Education, Insurance, Justices of the Peace, Trustees of University. Municipal positions: member, Newton Zoning Commission; chairman, Newton Board of Adjustments, 1948-60; alderman, Newton Chamber of Commerce; and vice-president, Newton Merchants Association. Memberships: Newton Lions Club, president and zone chairman; and Lions International, deputy district governor and cabinet secretary of District 31-B. Lutheran: president of the Brotherhood; Sunday School superintendent; member, Church Council; and teacher. Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Hatchett, Maiden, Catawba County, August 16, 1937. Children: Mrs. Ronald W. (Linda) Fye; and Robert A.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MULLINS, MICHAEL PATRICK (1940-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-second District, Mecklenburg County.

The son of Lee Patrick Mullins, a salesman from Columbus, Kentucky, and Adele Augusta Ferrick, a merchant from Racine, Wisconsin, Mullins was born in Lansing, Michigan, on November 23, 1940. He was reared in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and attended Fork Union Military Academy, 1955-58, Georgia Tech, 1958-59, University of Florida, 1959-62, and the Emory University Law School, 1962-64. Mullins obtained his A.B. and LL.B. degrees from the latter institution in 1964. He had served on the Board of Editors, Law Review-Journal of Public Law, 1963-64. He was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 1964 and the North Carolina State Bar in 1968. Mullins had moved to North Carolina at the age of twenty-seven and currently serves as a partner in the firm of Mullins and Brafford in Charlotte. Professional organizations: Georgia, Atlanta, North Carolina, 26th Judicial District, and American bar associations; and the National Conference on Administration of Criminal Justice, delegate, 1973. Senate committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Banking, Conservation and Development, Constitution, Courts and Judicial Districts, Judiciary, Public Health. State organizations: North Carolina General Statutes Commission, 1973-75; and the North Carolina Board of Transportation, 1974-75. Memberships: Charlotte Chamber of Commerce; Sigma Chi Fraternity, steward, 1961-62. Roman Catholic. Spouse: Helen Morie Cassaway, Jacksonville, Florida, June 15, 1963. Children: Meredith; and Patrick.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

MURPHY, ASHLEY MONROE (1909-)

Democrat, General Assemblies of 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and *1965-66; Democrat, Pender County. *He resigned on July 6, 1965, and Governor Moore appointed Reuben L. Moore on November 15, 1965, to replace Murphy.

Born in Atkinson, Pender County, on August 14, 1909, Murphy was the son of John Alexander Murphy, a farmer from Atkinson, and Mary Campbell of Moore County. He was reared on a farm and was one of seven children. Murphy was graduated from Atkinson High School in 1926 and attended North Carolina State College and the University of North Carolina. By 1934 he had earned A.B. and LL.B. degrees from Emory University. Murphy served in the United States Army from January 19, 1942, to December 5, 1945, and attained the rank of sergeant. He saw active duty in Africa and Italy with the 1st Armored Division, 27th F.A. He operated an agricultural business as his primary career until about 1952. At that time he entered the insurance business and currently owns Ashley M. Murphy Insurance Agency in Atkinson. Murphy continues to farm as a parallel occupation. House committees: (chairman) Agriculture, Water Resources and Control; (vice-chairman) Public Utilities, Insurance, Water Resources and Control, Congressional Districts, Public Buildings and Grounds, Roads and Highway Safety. State organizations: North Carolina Highway Commission, 1956-1957; and the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, director and vice-president, 1958-59. Trustee: Greater University of North Carolina, 1955-1972; Pembroke State College, 1957-65; and the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, 1972-79. Political activities: chairman, Pender County Democratic Executive Committee; State Democratic Executive Committee; and delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1956 and 1960. Memberships: Elks; Atkinson Ruritan Club, secretary, 1950-52; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Boy Scouts of America, educational advisor. Presbyterian, elder. Spouse: Alice Hill Reeves, Sampson County, teacher, January 18, 1947. Children: Priscilla Katherine. Relatives in General Assembly: Cornelius Devane Murphy, cousin (Pender-House-1925).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1925; 1953-65.
Questionnaire, June, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

MURROW, CALVIN COOLIDGE (1924-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Republican, Eighteenth District (1969-1972) and the Nineteenth District (1973-1974), Guilford County.

The son of John Lincoln Murrow and Maggie Leonard, Murrow was born in Aberdeen, Moore County, on July 6, 1924. He was reared in High Point and attended High Point Central High School as well as High Point College. During World War II Murrow served for four years in the United States Marine Corps. He is engaged in the furniture business and serves as president of Country Furniture Company, Inc., in High Point. In addition, Murrow had operated transfer and rental businesses. He had been a Republican candidate for the North Carolina House in 1964 and the High Point City Council in 1965. Senate committees: Appropriations; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation; Correctional Institutions and Law Enforcement; Election Laws; Highway Safety; Local Government; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; Public Roads, Public Utilities; Veterans and Military Affairs. Memberships: High Point Exchange Club; and High Point Chamber of Commerce. Quaker. Spouse: Mildred E. Jones, January 4, 1946. Children: Jeanne Murrow Morris; and Michael Craige. Relatives in General Assembly: John S. Murrow (Guilford-Senate-1887).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1973.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

NASH, ROBIE LEE (1910-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-fourth District (1971) and the Thirty-first District (1975-78), Rowan County.

One of seven children, Nash was born on October 5, 1910, in East Spencer, Rowan County. His parents were Archie Lee Nash, a food merchant from Concord, and Mary Lena Kenerly of Davidson County. Nash was graduated from Salisbury High School in 1927 and has completed some night classes at Catawba College. Because of an accident that incapacitated his father for a number of years, Nash was forced to help support the family rather than further his education. Therefore, he was engaged in the food merchandising business until he acquired an automobile service business in 1935. His company later emerged as an automobile body, frame, and wheel alignment operation. Located in Salisbury, it was known as Nash Glass and Wheel Company. Due to the need of automobile safety glass in the community, Nash subsequently changed his concern to a glass business prior to selling it in 1967. Since that time Nash has managed real estate investments and has devoted time to reforestation and the improvements of timberlands. He presently serves as secretary and treasurer of Arey Brick and Lumber Company. Professional organizations: North Carolina Merchants Association; North Carolina Forestry Association; and the State Farm Bureau. House committees: (chairman) Commissions and Institutions For Blind and Deaf; (vice-chairman) Professional Law Enforcement Personnel and Practice, Mental Health. Municipal organizations: Salisbury City Council, 1951-55. Boards, Rowan Mental Health Clinic. Memberships: Salisbury Lions Club, president, 1945-46; Salisbury-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce; and Mason. Methodist: co-chairman, building program, 1951-1954; chairman, official board, 1953-54; chairman, trustees, 1969-74; and district trustee, 1964-74. Spouse: Ethel Peeler Arey, Salisbury, beauty operator, August 24, 1936. Children: John Lee; Samuel Arey; and Lona Marie Nash Duggins.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1971; 1975-77.
 Questionnaire, Ethel A. Nash, wife, June, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

NESBITT, MARY CORDELL (1911-)
(MRS. MARTIN LUTHER NESBITT)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Forty-third District, Buncombe County.

Born in Asheville on December 18, 1911, Nesbitt was the daughter of Joseph Clemmons Cordell, a building and construction employee from Asheville, and Martha T. Jones of Fuquay Springs, Wake County. She attended Buncombe County Junior College, 1928-30, and received a B.S. degree from Western Carolina College in 1935. In 1958 she completed requirements for an M.S. degree in education at Western Carolina College. She is employed as a teacher with the Buncombe County Schools and specializes in reading. In addition, Nesbitt works as an educational administrator and serves as an educational consultant. Professional organizations: North Carolina Education Association; National Education Association; North Carolina Classroom Teachers Association, president; and member, Kappa Kappa Iota National Teachers Sorority. House committees: (vice-chairman) Human Resources. Memberships, Asheville Business and Professional Women's Club. Awards, Western Carolina University Alumni Award for Distinguished Service to Education. Methodist. Spouse: Martin Luther Nesbitt (deceased), Buncombe County, educational administrator, July 27, 1935. Children: Mary Ann Datson; and Martin L., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-77.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.

NEWMAN, MARSHALL THOMAS (1912-)

House, General Assemblies of 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Sampson County.

On October 8, 1912, Marshall T. Newman was born in Belvoir Township, Sampson County. His parents were Edwin Carraway Newman and Emma Ethel Gale. He attended Salemburg High School, 1927-31, and North Carolina State College, 1930-31. Newman served in the United States Navy, 1931-32, and attained the rank of seaman 1st class. Newman operates a farm in Sampson County. Professional organizations: Grange; Farm Bureau; Artificial Breeders Association, president, 1948-49; and North Carolina Vegetable Growers Co-op, president, 1960. House committees: (chairman) Conservation and Development; (vice-chairman) Expenditures of the House, Salaries and Fees, Election and Election Laws. County positions: vice-president, Cumberland-Sampson Telephone Membership Corporation, 1956-59; and chairman, Sampson County Commissioners, 1952-58. Memberships: Mason, senior warden, 1943 and master, 1944; and Belvoir Grange, Sampson County, master, 1962. Methodist: steward; and Sunday School Class president, 1953. Spouse: Isabelle Butler, December 26, 1931. Children: Marshall Joseph; Edwin Carraway; Brunell McPhail; and Ernest Hilton.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1959-63.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

NIELSON, GERALDINE RASMUSSEN (1921-)
(MRS. ELDON DENZEL NIELSON)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1967 and 1969; Republican, Twenty-second District, Forsyth County.

The daughter of Lon Rasmussen, a carpenter from Granger, Utah, and Susan Lewis, of Almy, Wyoming, Nielson was born on July 7, 1921, in Hunter, Utah (now within Salt Lake City). One of three children, she was graduated from Cyprus High School in Magna, Utah, and attended the State University of New York at Albany, 1960-1962. Nielson removed to North Carolina in 1962, and she received a B.S. degree in secretarial administration from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 1964. A year later she obtained an M.A. degree in education from the above institution. Nielson taught business education and administration at Winston-Salem Business College. She also had worked for several years as office manager of a small wholesale and manufacturing company and served as secretary to a university architect. While in the General Assembly she was a controversial political figure. Nielson introduced a bill in 1967 that would make it a misdemeanor for a state employee to solicit political contributions from other state employees. Her criticism of actions by the Moore administration had led to her election to the Senate. Nielson presently resides in Evansville, Indiana, where she works as an accountant for Taylor Rental Center. She was the first Republican woman to be elected to the Senate. Professional organizations: National Education Association; National Business Education Association; and the National Order of Women Legislators, president. Senate committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Election Laws, Finance, Higher Education, Judiciary, University Trustees. Political activities: secretary, Republican Joint Caucus, 1967 and 1969; delegate-at-large and member, Platform Committee, Republican National Convention, 1968; and Forsyth County Republican Women's Federation. Awards and honors: Kentucky Colonel, appointed by Gov. Louie B. Nunn. Memberships: Local League of Women Voters; and the Winston-Salem Business and Professional Women's Club. Unitarian: Sunday School teacher, 1961-1962. Spouse: Dr. Eldon Denzel Nielson, Salt Lake County, Utah, medical sciences, December 13, 1942. Children: Dennis, Karen, and Carla.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1969.
Questionnaire, December, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), March 12, 1967.

NOBLE, SAMUEL RUDOLPH (1928-)

Senate, General Assembly of *1978; Democrat, Twelfth District, Robeson County. *Governor Hunt appointed Noble to replace Luther J. Britt, Jr., who died on July 22, 1978. The Twelfth Senate District Executive Committee of the State Democratic Party also selected Noble to replace Britt as the party's nominee in the November general election. Thus, Noble was assured of a seat in the 1979 Session because he faced no opposition.

Noble was born in the community of Butters, Bladen County, on May 5, 1928. One of three children, he was the son of John Clayton Noble, a real estate salesman from Boardman, Bladen County, and Grace Martin of Boardman. Noble attended the University of South Carolina as well as Catawba College. As an early occupation he worked in real estate, but at the age of thirty he began a career in the insurance and real estate business. Currently, Noble operates the Sam R. Noble Insurance & Realty Company, a Lumberton concern affiliated with the Pilot Life Insurance Company. In addition, he is engaged in farming. County positions: chairman, Robeson County Board of Commissioners, 1973-1978. Memberships: National Association of County Officers, director. Baptist. Spouse: Jean Bullard, Robeson County, August 19, 1950.

Sources: Questionnaire, January, 1979.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), July 26, 1978.

NORTON, CLYDE MONROE (1916-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Thirty-fourth District (1965-1966) and Thirtieth District (1967-1972), McDowell County.

Born in Marion on March 7, 1916, Norton was the son of Joseph Monroe Norton, a business administrator from McDowell County, and Sarah Melissa Hensley of the abovementioned county. One of seven children, he was reared in a suburban area near Marion and was graduated from high school. As an early career Norton owned and managed Norton Furniture Company, Inc., in Old Fort, McDowell County. At the age of forty-nine he entered a career in the trucking industry. Norton serves as president of Norton-Ramsey Motor Lines, Inc., a furniture carrier headquartered in Hickory, Catawba County. Senate committees: (chairman) Insurance, Election Laws; (vice-chairman) Appropriations. State organizations: North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Historical Commission; and Western Carolina University Board of Trustees and chairman, Building Committee. County organizations: Board of County Commissioners, McDowell County, 1956-1965, and vice-chairman, 1960-. Municipal positions: alderman, Old Fort, 1952-1954. Memberships: The Northwestern Bank, committeeman; and Mason, master. Baptist: board of deacons, 1946-. Spouse: Mary Janet Nodine, Spartanburg, South Carolina, teacher, May 13, 1944. Children: Kenneth Monroe, married Brenda Sue Owens; Thomas Clyde, manager, Reed Gold Mine, State Historic Site, Cabarrus County; and Sarah Amanda.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-1971.
 Questionnaire, September, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

NYE, EDD (1932-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1975-76; Democrat, Eleventh District, Bladen County.

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Nineteenth District, Bladen County.

Born in Gulf, Chatham County, on September 12, 1932, Nye was the son of Joseph Burke Nye, a forester from Lisbon, Bladen County, and Vera Rosetta Johnson of Gulf. He was reared in Bladen County and was graduated from Clarkton High School in 1951. From 1952 to 1956 Nye served in the United States Air Force. Nye attended Southeastern Community College in 1969 and North Carolina State University, Fort Bragg Extension in 1972. He is employed as an insurance salesman with the Nationwide Insurance Agency in Elizabethtown. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) State Government. House committees: (vice-chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation, Local Government. County positions: commissioner, Bladen County, June, 1966, to December, 1972. Memberships, Mason. Baptist: moderator, Bladen Baptist Association, 1966-68; Sunday School teacher; and deacon. Spouse: Peggy Hope McKee, Bladen County, January 9, 1955. Children: Shannoin Sue; Edward McKee; and Allison Hope.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-77.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

ODOM, MARY DORETHA HORNE (1921-)
 (MRS. LEGGETTE WELLINGTON ODOM, JR.)

House, General Assembly of 1971; Democrat, Twenty-fourth District, Scotland County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1975-76; Democrat, Seventeenth District, Scotland County.

The daughter of John Long Horne and Mary Dorethea Bagwell, Odom was born in Greenville, Pitt County, on January 29, 1921. She was graduated from Greenville High School in 1938 and obtained an A.B. degree from East Carolina Teachers College in 1942. In addition, she attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina State, and Flora MacDonald College. Odom presently holds the position of teacher-coordinator of Industrial Cooperative Training at Scotland High School in Laurinburg. Professional organizations: North Carolina Association of Educators; National Education Association; North Carolina Vocational Association; and the American Vocational Association. House committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Education, Finance, Insurance, Library, Mental Health, Social Services. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Education. Memberships: Business and Professional Women's Club, Lumberton; and Lamda Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma. Presbyterian: president (past), Women of the Church. Spouse: Leggette Wellington Odom, Jr., June 22, 1943. Children: Leggette W. III; John Hubert; and James Phillip.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1971; 1975.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

O'HANLON, ISAAC HAWLEY (1911-)

House, General Assemblies of 1953, *1955-56, 1963, 1965-66, and 1967; Democrat, Cumberland County (1953-56; 1963-65) and the Twenty-third District (1967), Cumberland County. *O'Hanlon resigned on July 9, 1956, and Governor Hodges appointed John T. Henley on July 16, 1956, to replace him.

Born in Fayetteville on September 5, 1911, O'Hanlon was the son of George Adkins O'Hanlon, a drummer from Fayetteville, and Dora Hawley of Fayetteville. He attended Fayetteville High School, 1925-30, and Wake Forest College, 1930-35. While at Wake Forest O'Hanlon received his Bachelor's degree and briefly studied law. As an early career he worked with the federal government as property manager of Reconstruction Finance Corporation. At the age of forty-four O'Hanlon entered the pest control business; he serves as president and owns the Antex Exterminating Company, Inc., of Fayetteville. In addition, he served as president of Southeastern Speech and Hearing Services from 1973 to 1977. Professional organizations: North Carolina Pest Control Association; and the North Carolina Structural Pest Control Committee, founder and board member, eight years. House committees: (chairman) Roads, Propositions and Grievances, Local Government; (vice-chairman) Constitutional Amendments, Higher Education, Counties, Cities and Towns. County positions: president, board of directors, Cumberland County Infantile Paralysis Association, fifteen years. Educational activities: Methodist College Foundation; executive board of trustees, Methodist College; trustee, Vardell Hall, Red Springs, eight years; and trustee East Carolina College, 1953-59. Memberships: Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce; life member, Knights of Pythias; and honorary member, Fayetteville Kiwanis Club. Episcopalian, vestryman. Spouse: Emma Merle Sikes, Red Springs, laboratory and x-ray technician, September 1, 1935. Children: William Hawley; and Edward Wilkins.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1953-55; 1963-67.
 Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

OSTEEN, JOHN LUKE (1892-)

Senate, General Assembly of *1967; Republican, Eighteenth District, Guilford County. *Minority leader.

John L. Osteen was born in Brevard, Transylvania County, on June 12, 1892. He was one of five children born to Lafayette Osteen, a farmer from Brevard, and Carolyn Banther of Rutherfordton. Osteen attended the Transylvania County Schools as well as Fruitland Institute, Henderson County, 1911-15. In addition, he studied education at the University of North Carolina. As his primary career he was engaged in governmental administration work. Osteen served as chief probation and parole officer with the United States District Court in Greensboro. By 1967 Osteen had retired from that position. Senate committees: Congressional Redistricting; Correctional Institutions; Education; Finance; Highway Safety; Local Government; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; Propositions and Grievances; State Government; University Trustees. Baptist: Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Ruth Tatum (deceased), Salisbury, Rowan County, February 14, 1923. Children: John L., Jr.; and William Lindsay. Relatives in General Assembly: William Lindsay Osteen, son (Guilford-House-1961, 1963).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967.
Questionnaire, William L. Osteen, son, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

OSTEEN, WILLIAM LINDSAY (1930-)

House, General Assemblies of *1961 and *1963; Republican, Guilford County. *Minority leader.

The son of John Luke Osteen, a United States probation officer from Brevard, Transylvania County, and Ruth Tatum (deceased) of Salisbury, Rowan County, Osteen was born in Greensboro on July 15, 1930. One of two children, he was graduated from Guilford High School in 1948. Osteen served in the United States Army, 1950-51, and attained the rank of staff sergeant. After his military service he earned an A.B. degree in economics at Guilford College in 1953 and obtained an LL.B. degree from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1956. At the age of twenty-six he started a law practice in Greensboro. He was admitted to the State Bar and the United States District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, in 1956 and the United States Court of Appeals, 4th District in 1959. Osteen currently serves as senior partner in the firm of Osteen, Adams & Tilley. In addition, he served as United States attorney, Middle District of North Carolina, 1969-74. Professional organizations: Greensboro, North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: Appropriations, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind; Constitutional Amendments; Courts and Judicial Districts; Federal and Interstate Cooperation; Highway Safety; Judiciary; Manufacturers and Labor; Military Affairs; Public Utilities. Memberships: Greensboro Lions Club; and Greensboro Jaycees. Methodist: board of stewards, 1962-63. Spouse: Joanne Bennett Snow, Henrico County, Virginia, May 16, 1959. Children: William Lindsay, Jr.; and John Snow. Relatives in General Assembly: John Luke Osteen, father (Guilford-Senate-1967).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-63.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

OWEN, SAMUEL KENNETH (1935-)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Thirty-first District, Rowan County.

The son of C. C. Owen and Mary Baker, Owen was born in Rowan County on January 19, 1935. In 1953 he was graduated from Boyden High School and in 1958 earned an I.M. degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. While at Georgia Tech Owen played football and participated in the Sugar, Cotton, and Gator bowls. In addition, he was selected All-Southeastern Conference Fullback in 1957. Owen served in the United States Army Reserves from 1956 to 1963. In 1973 he was affiliated with Owen-Leonard, Inc., a heating and air-conditioning business in Salisbury. House committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Finance, Higher Education, Library, Local Government, Public Utilities, Wildlife Resources. Memberships: Salisbury Civitan Club, past president. Presbyterian, deacon. Spouse: Barbara Francis, June 30, 1957. Children: Sharon, Karen, and Charlotte.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

OWENS, HOLLIS MONROE, JR. (1923-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Rutherford County.

The son of Hollis Monroe Owens and Jessie Jenkins, Owens was born in the community of Avondale, Rutherford County, on April 3, 1923. He attended Cliffside High School, 1935-1939, and earned an A.B. degree from Wofford College in 1943. From 1943 to 1945 Owens served in the United States Army Infantry Division and attained the rank of sergeant. For his actions during World War II he received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and three battle stars. Owens received his legal education at Duke University where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1949. Admitted to the State Bar that year, he operates a private law practice in Rutherfordton. In addition, Owens serves as a District Court Judge in the Twenty-ninth Judicial District. Professional organizations: Rutherford County (president, 1953) and North Carolina bar associations. House committees: (vice-chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; State Government, Corporations. State organizations: Legislative Council, 1963-1965. County positions: solicitor, Rutherford County Recorder's Court, 1952-1958; president, Rutherford County Young Democrats, 1953; and president, Rutherford County Red Cross Drive, 1953. Memberships: Rutherfordton Junior Chamber of Commerce, president, 1959. Methodist: president, Men's Club, 1955; vice-chairman, Board of Stewards, 1956; and superintendent, Adult Department, 1958-1961. Spouse: Frances Smith, September 1, 1948. Children: Mary Frances; and Hollis M. III.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-1965.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

OXENDINE, HENRY WARD (1940-)

House, General Assemblies of *1973-74 and 1975-76; Democrat, Twenty-first District, Robeson County. *Governor Holshouser appointed him to the House on March 19, 1973, to replace Frank S. White who died on March 10, 1973.

One of eight children of Lockey Haywood Oxendine and Nancy Caroline Locklear, farmers from Pembroke, Robeson County, Oxendine was born in Pembroke on September 4, 1940. An American Indian, he was graduated from Pembroke High School in 1957. Oxendine served in the United States Air Force from September, 1957, to August, 1960, and attained the rank of airman second class. He obtained a B.S. degree in social studies from Pembroke State College in 1964 and taught for several years prior to earning a J.D. degree at North Carolina Central University in 1973. Oxendine began a law practice in Pembroke in 1974. He currently serves as a commissioner on the North Carolina Parole Commission in Raleigh. Professional organizations: Robeson County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: (vice-chairman) Corrections. Political activities: second vice-chairman, Democratic Executive Committee. Awards: Distinguished Service Award, Pembroke Kiwanis, 1968; and Jaycee of Year, Pembroke, 1969. Memberships: Pembroke Jaycees, secretary, 1966-1967, and external vice-president, 1970-71; and Pembroke Kiwanis. Methodist. Spouse: Sandra Starr Ransom, Pembroke, teacher, August 20, 1965. Children: Hampton Wayne; and Hughes Wendell.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-75.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PALMER, JOSEPH HARDY (1919-)

House, General Assembly of 1953; Democrat, Haywood County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-seventh District, Haywood County.

Born in Haywood County on September 17, 1919, Palmer was the son of Glenn C. Palmer (1889-1975), a farmer from Cataloochee, Haywood County, and Fannie Roe Ferguson of Haywood County. Palmer attended Clyde High School from 1933 to 1937 and received a B.S. degree in animal husbandry from North Carolina State College in 1942. He served in the United States Marine Corps, 1942-45, and attained the rank of sergeant. Palmer received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service during World War II. He is a self-employed farmer and dairyman in Haywood County. Professional organizations: North Carolina Farm Bureau; American Forestry Association; Cattleman's Association; North Carolina Tomato Association, president; and the Haywood Fruit and Vegetable Association, president. Senate committees: (chairman) Veterans and Military Affairs; (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Wildlife. State organizations, Governor's Crime Commission. County organizations, Haywood County Regional Commission. Methodist, lay reader. Spouse: Nina Elise DeLozier, Swain County, teacher, November 6, 1949. Children: John, Amy, Kim, and Chris. Relatives in General Assembly: Glenn C. Palmer, father (Haywood-House-1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1953; 1975-77.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PALMER, WILLIAM JACKSON (Jack, Jr.) (1918-)

House, General Assemblies of 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Cleveland County.

One of three children born to Valentine Jackson Palmer, a mortician from Rutherford County, and Ellen Durham Corbett of Houston, Texas, Palmer was born in Shelby on May 8, 1918. He attended the public schools of Shelby and Houston, Texas, and earned a B.S. degree at the University of Texas in 1939. Palmer served as a private in the Texas National Guard in 1940 and held the rank of captain in the United States Army, 1941-1945, and 1951-1953. In addition, he served as a major in the United States Army Reserve, 1953-1961. Palmer attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1962 and served in that capacity until his retirement on May 8, 1978. After a brief occupation in the petroleum business, Palmer began work at the age of twenty-seven in his primary career--funeral services. He currently serves as director of Palmer Mortuary in Shelby. House committees: (chairman) Banks and Banking; (vice-chairman) Public Welfare; Roads and Highway Safety; Public Utilities, Counties, Cities and Towns. Director: Shelby Seamless Hosiery Mills, Inc. (secretary); Shelby Savings & Loan Association; Cleveland County Welfare Department, 1958-1963 (chairman, 1960-1963); Cleveland County Chapter of American Red Cross, 1959-1961; and Shelby Chamber of Commerce. County positions: chairman, Cleveland County Commissioners. Political activities: president, Cleveland County Young Democrats, 1955. Memberships: Shelby Kiwanis Club, president, 1954 and director, 1956-1958 and 1960; and Elks. Methodist: Official Board, 1957-1963 (chairman, 1961-1963); superintendent, Church School, 1955-1958. Spouse: Marcia Louise Taylor, Granville County, director of Christian Education, March 7, 1947. Children: Ellen Taylor (Mrs. James Yates Weathers), Shelby; and David Kerr. Relatives in General Assembly: Plato Durham, fourth cousin (Cleveland-House-1866-67, 1868-69, 1869-70; Constitutional Convention-1868, 1875).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1959-1963.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PARNELL, DAVID RUSSELL (1925-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-first District, Robeson County.

Born in Parkton on November 16, 1925, Parnell was the son of John Quincey Parnell, an agricultural businessman, and Clelia Britt of Lumberton. He attended the public schools of Parkton, 1931-1941, and Oak Ridge Military Institute, 1941-1944. After serving as a corporal in the United States Army, 1945-1946, Parnell was enrolled at Wake Forest University where he received a B.S. degree in 1949. He began a career as an agricultural merchant at the age of twenty-three. Parnell presently serves as president of J. O. Parnell, Inc., a Parkton retail firm which sells fertilizer and farm chemicals. As a second livelihood he sells petroleum products. Professional organizations: North Carolina Merchants Association; and the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association. House committees: (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Appropriations Committee on the Base Budget. State organizations: member, North Carolina State Highway Commission, 1969-72. County organizations: Robeson County Industrial Development Commission, 1963-1974. Municipal positions: mayor, Parkton, 1964-1969. Baptist: chairman, board of deacons; church treasurer; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Barbara Johnson, Benson, Johnston County, June 11, 1948. Children: David R., Jr.; Anne J.; and Timothy Scott.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

PARRISH, CLAUDE UMSTEAD (1904-1976)

Senate, General Assembly of 1967; Republican, Twenty-third District, Rowan County.

Born in Durham on May 16, 1904, Parrish was the son of Julius Gaither Parrish, a farmer from Fort Mitchell, Virginia, and Fannie Woodson Paschall of Florida. One of eight children, he attended Bragtown High School in Durham. Parrish served as a private in the United States Army from 1922 to 1926. He began a bakery career with the American Bakery Company in High Point. Parrish had started a baking business in Emporia, Virginia, in 1921, and it later became known as Parrish Bakeries, Inc. At the time he moved his bakery operation headquarters to Salisbury in 1947, he also owned bakeries in Emporia; Martinsville, Virginia; Tampa, Florida; Rome, Georgia; and Memphis, Tennessee. Parrish operated this very successful enterprise until May, 1967, when he sold the firm to Pet Dairy, Inc., for a reported six million dollars. That same year he purchased the American Chicken Products Corporation and served as president of the Salisbury Meat Center. In addition, Parrish raised game chickens as a hobby and business. He became disenchanted with the Republican Party and in 1970 reregistered as a Democrat. Parrish died on June 5, 1976, in Rowan Memorial Hospital. The cause of death was listed as a chronic heart disorder. Professional organizations, North Carolina Sandwich and Pastry Makers Association. Senate committees: Agriculture, Conservation and Development, Education, Finance, Insurance, Interstate and Federal Relations, Libraries, Public Roads, State Government, Wildlife. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; and Salisbury Kiwanis. Spouse: Lessie Bell McFarland, Polk County, October 1, 1927. Children: Claudia Louise Parrish and Mrs. Fred Cranford (Janet Marie) Salisbury; Mrs. Charles Knot, Jr. (Betty Jean), Richmond, Virginia; and Mrs. Vernon Grizzard (Lessie Gaynelle), Rome, Georgia.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967.
Questionnaire, Mrs. Claude U. Parrish, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Salisbury Evening Post, June 5, 1976.

PASCHALL, JOSHUA ERNEST (1896-1974)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Wilson County (1965-1966) and the Fifteenth District (1967-1971), Wilson County.

Born at Black Creek, Wilson County, on August 9, 1896, Paschall was the son of Joshua Walter Paschall, a Wilson County farmer, and Sallie Jane Poole of Warren County. One of seven children, he was graduated from Lucama High School in 1914, and earned an A.B. degree at Atlantic Christian College in 1918. Paschall enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on May 25, 1918, as a hospital apprentice third class. He was discharged in February, 1919, after attaining the rank of photographer's mate third class. In addition, Paschall in 1922 was commissioned a second lieutenant in the North Carolina National Guard and in 1927 was promoted to first lieutenant. He had attended summer school at the University of North Carolina in 1917 and had studied courses in banking at the United Y.M.C.A. Schools, New York, New York, 1921-1922. Paschall had been enrolled at American Extension University in Los Angeles, California, where he had received an LL.B. degree in 1926. Also, Paschall had been graduated from the American Institute of Banking in June, 1926. He attended a night law class offered by Judge George P. Pell, 1930-1931, and obtained a license to practice law in August, 1931. Paschall was engaged as a banker and lawyer, with the former as his primary career and the latter as a parallel occupation. He had begun working in the banking industry in 1919. Paschall had held the position of director of Wilson Savings & Loan Association since 1931 and had served as president since 1944. In addition, Paschall served as president of Branch Banking & Trust Company in Wilson from 1952 to 1964. He had retired in 1964 to enter politics. While serving in the General Assembly Paschall had been a major supporter of the Open Meetings Law which had been enacted during the 1971 Session. He died in Wilson on November 6, 1974, of a heart disease. Paschall was buried in Maplewood Cemetery in Wilson. Professional organizations: Wilson County, North Carolina, and American bar associations; North Carolina Bankers Association, president, 1960-1961; and the American Institute of Banking, Wilson County Chapter. House committees: (chairman) Highway Safety, University Trustees; (vice-chairman) Banks and Banking, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Higher Education. Commissions: State Banking Commission, 1961-1965; and Coastal Plain Planning & Development Commission, county representative and president, 1965-1966. Boards: Joint City-County Planning and Zoning; Atlantic Christian College Trustees, vice-chairman. Educational activities: president, Atlantic Christian Alumni Association and chairman, Finance Committee. Political activities: chairman, Wilson County Democratic Executive Committee. Memberships: Rotary; Elks; American Legion; commander, 1935-1936; Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, president, 1945; and local chapter, American Cancer Society, chairman. Awards and honors: Honorary Doctor of Laws degree, Atlantic Christian College, 1961; Service Award, Wilson County Chapter, American Institute of Banking; Who's Who in America; and Who's Who in Commerce and Industry. Disciples: trustee; elder; chairman and associate chairman, Church Board, 1930-1952. Spouse: Claire Hodges,



Lenior County, teacher, December 18, 1919. Children: Mrs. Charles W. Mauze, Lexington; and James E., Goldsboro.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-1971.
Questionnaire, James E. Paschall, son, August, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), November 7, 1974.
North Carolina Session Laws, 1975-Resolutions.

PATTERSON, FRANK NEVILLE, JR. (1917-1971)

House, General Assembly of 1959; Democrat, Stanly County.

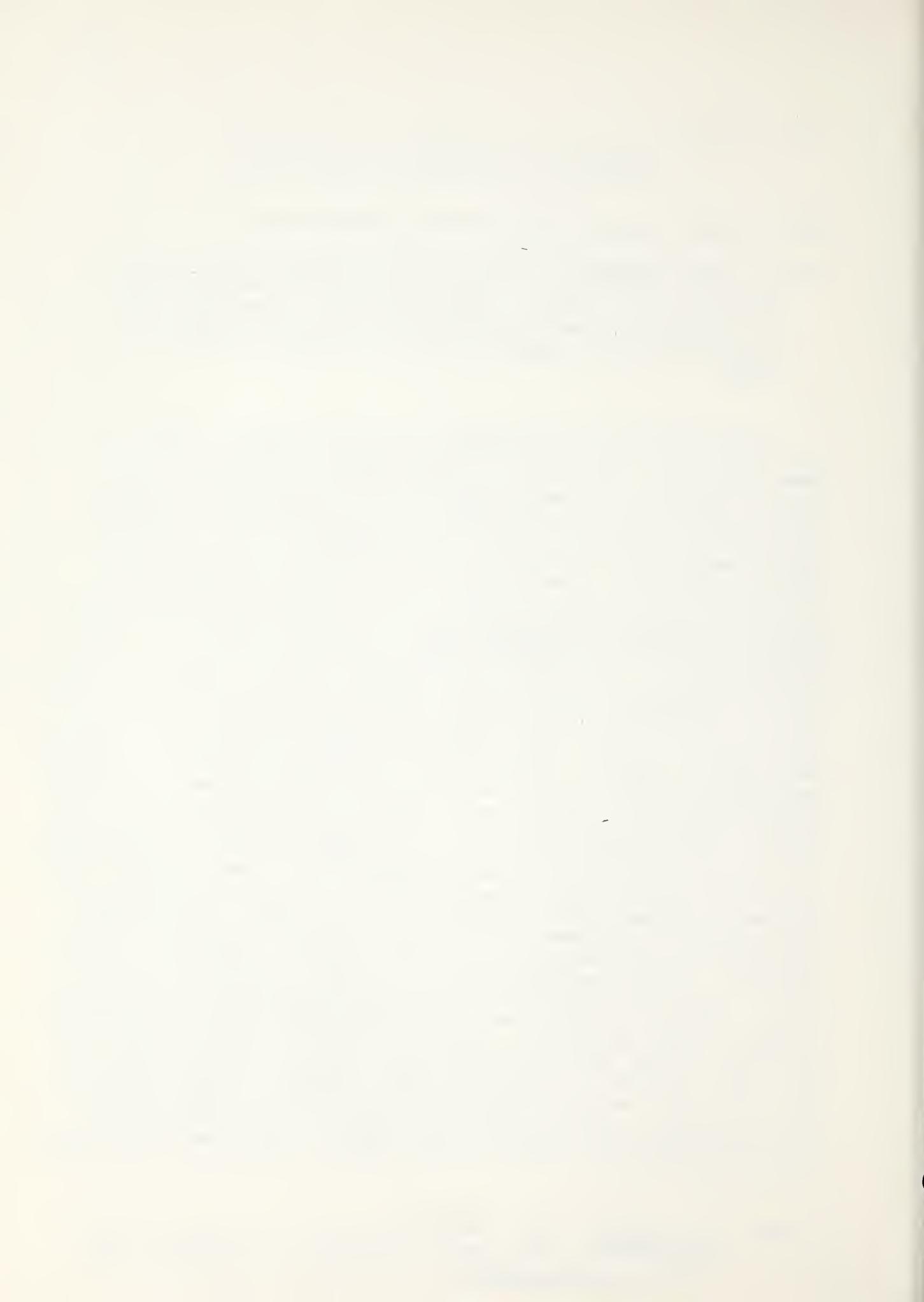
Senate, General Assemblies of 1969 and *1971; Democrat, Twenty-fourth District, Stanly County. *President pro tem and majority leader. Patterson died on July 31, 1971, and Gordon P. Allen was elected to replace him as president pro tem. Governor Scott appointed James B. Garrison on August 30, 1971, to replace Patterson in the Senate.

One of four children, Patterson was born in Albemarle on March 11, 1917. His parents were Frank Neville Patterson, a textile manufacturer from China Grove, Rowan County, and Mary Snuggs of Albemarle. In 1933 he was graduated from Albemarle High School and attended Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1933-1934, and Marion Military Academy, 1934-1935. Patterson was enrolled at the United States Naval Academy, 1935-1936, but earned an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1938. He received his legal education at the U.N.C. Law School where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1940. While in college he served on the staff of the North Carolina Law Review. As a member of the Naval Reserve Patterson was called into active service on March 31, 1942, as an ensign. He served on the staff of Commander Destroyers, Pacific Fleet, and had attained the rank of lieutenant when separated from the service on December 12, 1945. Patterson was appointed a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve on July 8, 1949. He had begun a law practice in Albemarle in 1945. Specializing in tax law, Patterson was affiliated with the firm of Patterson & Doby in Albemarle. As a parallel occupation he taught at the college and university level. As chairman of the Senate Rules Committee in 1971, Patterson proposed a rule that would strip the lieutenant governor of the power to appoint Senate committees; the proposal was defeated. Patterson became ill while playing golf in Boone and died of a cerebral vascular condition on July 31, 1971. Professional organizations: Stanly County Bar Association, president, 1949. Senate committees: (chairman) Personnel and Employment Programs, Rules and Operation of the Senate; (vice-chairman) Conservation and Development, Constitution. State organizations: North Carolina Tax Study Commission; and the North Carolina Legislative Services Commission. County positions: solicitor, Stanly County Court, 1948-1950; judge, Stanly County Court, 1954-1956; and chairman, Stanly County Red Cross. Municipal organizations, Albemarle City School Board. Memberships: Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, president, 1953-1954; Albemarle Lions Club, president; and American Legion, commander. Lutheran: Sunday School teacher, 1946-1970; and vice-president, Church Council. Spouse: Iris Rawls, New Bern, social services, October 25, 1940. Children: Frank N. III; and Betsy Rawls. Relatives in General Assembly: J. S. Efird, uncle by marriage (Stanly-Senate-1907-08, 1915); Zebulon V. Rawls, uncle by marriage (Pamlico-House-1911).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1959; 1969-1971.

Questionnaire, Mrs. Frank N. Patterson, Jr., December, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.



Sources: The News and Observer (Raleigh), August 1, 1971.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1971-Resolutions.

PATTON, ERWIN WILLIAM (1909-)

House, General Assembly of 1971; Democrat, Forty-ninth District, Macon County.

Born in Franklin on January 16, 1909, Patton was one of seven children of Erwin Patton, a farmer, and Malva Mary Roane of Franklin. He was graduated from Franklin High School in 1927. Patton served in the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of staff sergeant. Patton farmed until he reached the age of forty-eight, at which time he entered the food processing industry. Patton became manager and a partner in Nantahala Dairy, a milk products manufacturing firm in Franklin. By 1971, however, Patton had retired from this business. House committees: Conservation and Development, Education, Highway Safety, Local Government, Mental Health, State Legislative Districts. County positions: chairman, Macon County Board of Education, 1955-65; and chairman, Macon County Democratic Executive Committee, 1966-68. Municipal positions: aldermen, Franklin, 1947-55. Boards: Angel Community Hospital; and First Union National Bank, Franklin branch. Memberships: Franklin Rotary Club, president. Methodist: district lay reader, 1959-67; Town and County Commission of the Western North Carolina Conference, 1968- ; and Bishops Lay Advisory Council, 1965- . Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Slagle, Macon County, secretary, September 10, 1946. Relatives in General Assembly: George Brabson Patton, brother (Macon-House-1939); Robert Andrew Patton, cousin (Macon-Senate-1933; House-1937). Relatives in state elective office: George B. Patton (attorney general, 1956-58).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PAYNE, ROBERT ODELL (1934-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-sixth District (1969-72) and the Twenty-third District (1973-74), Guilford County.

A native of Guilford County, Payne was born on June 21, 1934. His parents were Robert S. (deceased) and Blanch P. Payne. He was graduated from McLeansville High School in 1952 and received an A.B. degree in business administration from Elon College in 1956. In 1966 Payne earned an M.A. degree in education from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. As an early career he taught and coordinated distributive education. Later he entered the field of real estate development and became the owner of R. Odell Payne & Associates in Greensboro. Professional organizations: National Education Association, convention delegate, 1968; North Carolina Education Association; Classroom Teachers Association; American Vocational Education Association; National Association of Distributive Education Teachers; and the North Carolina Association of Distributive Education Teachers. House committees: (vice-chairman) Banks and Banking, Public Utilities, State Personnel, Public Buildings and Grounds. County organizations: Guilford County Campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, chairman 1969-70. Political organizations: Guilford County Republican Executive Committee; State Republican Executive Committee; and the Republican National Convention, alternate delegate, 1972. Memberships: McLeansville Lions Club, president; Greensboro Lions Club, and Mason and Shriner. Methodist. Spouse: Linda Murrell, Greensboro. Children: Lyle; and Chad (deceased).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-73.
 Updated sketch, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PEEL, ELBERT SIDNEY, JR. (1922-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1959; Democrat, Second District, Martin County.

House, General Assemblies of 1961 and 1963; Democrat; Martin County. *He resigned in January, 1963, prior to accepting an appointment as judge, North Carolina Superior Court.

Born in Williamston on February 14, 1922, Peel was the son of Elbert Sidney Peel (1894-1976), a lawyer from Jamesville, Martin County, and Fannie Myrt Manning of Martin County. He attended the public schools of Williamston, Virginia Episcopal School, 1939-40, and received an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1943. Peel was graduated from the U.N.C. Law School with an LL.B. degree in 1949. While at U.N.C. he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity, and served as secretary-treasurer of the student body, 1943-1944. Peel had served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. In addition, Peel served as a captain in the United States Army, 1951-53, and attained the rank of captain in the North Carolina National Guard. At the age of twenty-seven he began a law practice in Martin County. Governor Terry Sanford appointed Peel to the North Carolina Superior Court, District 2, on January 23, 1963. He was elected in the general election of 1964 to complete the unexpired term of Malcom C. Paul. Peel was elected to a full term in 1970 and currently is serving the remainder of his term. Professional organizations: Martin County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Judiciary. House committees: (chairman) Judiciary; (vice-chairman) Engrossed Bills, Finance. County positions: attorney, Martin County. Memberships: Kiwanis Club, president; and the Williamston Jaycees. Disciples. Spouse: Lucia Claire Hutchinson, Cobb County, Georgia, teacher, February 2, 1957. Children: Lucia Claire; and Sarah Margaret. Relatives in General Assembly: John W. Manning, great grandfather (Martin-House-1887); Elbert S. Peel, father (Martin-Senate-1929, 1931).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1959-61.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PENN, FRANK REID (1917-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1967 and 1969; Democrat, Sixteenth District, Rockingham County.

Frank R. Penn was born in Reidsville on September 2, 1917. His parents were Charles Ashby Penn, a tobacco manufacturer from Henry County, Virginia, and Stella Clarke Edrington, a native of Texas. One of four children, Penn attended Hun School, 1933-36, and received his Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1940. During World War II he served in the United States Army, Tank Destroyers, and attained the rank of first lieutenant. As an early career Penn was employed in the real estate business. He also had served as president of Reidsville Oil Company, Inc., and held the position of secretary-treasurer of Penn, Inc. At the age of fifty Penn began a career in tobacco manufacturing and currently serves as president of Carolina-Virginia Tobacco Co., a tobacco processing and storage business in Reidsville. Senate committees: (chairman) Mental Health; (vice-chairman) Public Utilities, Public Welfare, Highway Safety, Local Government. State organizations: North Carolina Board of Mental Health, vice-chairman; Compact For Education of the States, commissioner from North Carolina; and the Governor's Highway Safety Authority. County organizations: Rockingham Board of County Commissioners, 1965; and Rockingham County on Mental Retardation, Inc., president. Boards, Annie Penn Memorial Hospital. Memberships: Reidsville Rotary Club, president; Reidsville Jaycees, president; Mason and Shriner; and Elks. Presbyterian: deacon; and Sunday School superintendent. Spouse: Roberta Winton, Texas, arts and arts management employee, December 17, 1941. Children: Roberta W.; F. Reid; Anne Spencer; Charles A.; and Edrington J.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-69.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PENNY, JAMES FORREST, JR. (1937-)

House, General Assembly of 1969; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Harnett County.

Born in Harnett County on October 23, 1937, Penny was the son of James Forrest Penny, an industrial laborer, and Charlotte Marie Abernathy of Harnett County. One of three children, he attended Lafayette High School in Kipling, Harnett County, 1944-56, and Campbell College, 1958. Penny received a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1960. In addition, he earned an LL.B. degree in 1964 from Wake Forest University. Admitted to the State Bar in 1964, he began a law practice in Harnett County at the age of twenty-seven. Penny operates a private practice in Lillington. He also operates an agricultural business as a second occupation. Professional organizations: Harnett County (vice-president, 1968-69), North Carolina, and American (Section on Economics of Law Practice; Subcommittee on Federal, State and Judicial Regulations of Fees, 1974-75) bar associations; and the North Carolina Trial Lawyers Association. House committees: Courts and Judicial Districts, Highway Safety, Judiciary, Library, State Government. County positions: assistant attorney, Harnett County; and treasurer, Harnett County Democratic Executive Committee, 1966-67. Municipal positions: attorney, Erwin. Memberships, Ruritan Club. Baptist. Spouse: Judith Hardee, Harnett County, May, 1967. Children: Ann Marie. Relatives in General Assembly: Wade H. Penny, Jr., second cousin (Durham-House-1967, 1969).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

PENNY, WADE HAMPTON, JR. (1936-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967 and 1969; Democrat, Eighteenth District, Durham County.

Born in Durham on January 28, 1938, Penny was the son of Wade Hampton Penny of Holly Springs, Wake County, and Pauline Anne Browne of Randolph County. His father was employed as a businessman and primarily owned and operated a group of retail furniture stores. Penny was graduated from Durham High School in 1953 and received an A.B. degree in history from Duke University in 1957. Next, he earned an LL.B. degree in 1960 from the Duke University Law School. Upon graduation Penny began a general law practice in Durham. He also works in the retail furniture business in Durham and serves as vice-president and legal counsel of Penny Furniture Stores. Professional organizations: North Carolina and American bar associations. House committees: (vice-chairman) Constitutional Amendments, Mental Health. Municipal organizations: Durham City Council, 1975-79. Awards: Richardson Foundation Fellowship, associated with the office of United States Rep. L. H. Fountain of North Carolina, 1960. Memberships: Duke University National Alumni Council. Methodist. Spouse: Carolyn Ketner, Salisbury, Rowan County, saleswoman, December 23, 1956. Children: Wade H. III (born 1957); David M. (born 1960); Carolyn L. (born 1961); and Michael G. (born 1965). Relatives in General Assembly: James Forrest Penny, Jr., second cousin (Harnett-House-1969).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-69.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PENTON, HOWARD ALLEN, JR. (1931-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969 and 1971; Democrat, Fifth District, New Hanover County.

Howard A. Penton, Jr., was born in Wilmington on August 5, 1931. He was the son of Howard Allen Penton, a salesman, and Marjorie West Willard of Wilmington. He was graduated from New Hanover High School and attended Davidson College in 1949 and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1951. He entered the United States Army on January 15, 1952, and later served in the United States Army Reserve, attaining the rank of colonel. Penton, at the age of twenty-two, entered the field of business administration. He serves as president of Springer Coal and Oil Company, Inc., in Wilmington. Established in 1872, this firm is a retail home heating fuel and gasoline business. Professional organizations: North Carolina Fuel Merchants Association, president, 1961. House committees: (vice-chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control; Appropriation Subcommittee on Health Welfare, and Institutional Care. State organizations: North Carolina Advisory Committee on Economics and Environment; North Carolina United Community Services, Inc., Executive Committee, board of directors; and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of North Carolina, board of directors. Municipal organizations: Urban Redevelopment Project, Wilmington, 1970-77; Wilmington Parking Commission; organizer, Central Business District Development Corporation, Wilmington, 1964; Wilmington Industrial Development Commission, vice-president; and the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, president. Director: Wachovia Bank and Trust Company; and Peoples Savings and Loan Association, Wilmington. Awards: Outstanding Young Man of North Carolina, 1964; Man of the Year, New Hanover County, 1965; and Outstanding Civic Leaders in America, 1967. Memberships: Wilmington Chapter, American Red Cross, director; and general campaign chairman, United Fund of New Hanover County. Episcopalian. Spouse: Roi Malott, Tarrant County, Texas, October 8, 1960. Children: one son and one daughter.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-71.

Questionnaire, Mrs. Howard A. Penton, Jr., February, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

PHILLIPS, CHARLES WILEY (1897-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Guilford County (1965-66), the Twenty-sixth District (1967-72), and the Twenty-third District (1973-76), Guilford County.

Born in Randolph County on June 25, 1897, Phillips was the son of Jessie Lee Phillips, a farmer from Moore County, and Fannie Polk Waddell of Randolph County. He was reared on a farm and attended Trinity High School, 1911-14, and Jamestown High School, 1915-16. During World War I he served in the United States Army and attained the rank of corporal. Phillips was graduated with an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1921. He then attended Columbia University in New York City and received an M.S. degree in education. Phillips worked as a teacher and principal in the Greensboro Public Schools. Later he taught liberal arts at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. For twenty-seven years Phillips served as director of public relations at this institution and retired in 1962. Professional organizations: North Carolina Educational Association, president, 1945-46; State Congress of P.T.A., president, 1943-45; Experiment in Television Teaching in the State, director, 1957-61; and Downtown Campus, Guilford College, director, 1965-66. House committees: (vice-chairman) Appropriations on Education and Long Range Planning, Education, Library, State Buildings and Grounds, Higher Education. Memberships: Rotary International, district governor, 1932-33; and Greensboro Rotary Club, president and secretary. Awards and honors: (Doctor of Laws) University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1967; A & T State University, 1973; and Campbell College, 1974. Methodist: church school teacher; and district lay reader. Spouse: Lela Gray Wade, Carteret County, teacher, 1924. Children: Wade; Carolyn; Charles W., Jr.; and Barbara Ann. Relatives in General Assembly: George W. Brown, uncle (Hoke-House-1943, 1945). Relatives in state elective office: Andrew Craig Phillips, nephew (superintendent of public instruction, North Carolina, 1969-).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-75.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PHIPPS, LUTHER JAMES (1898-1969)

House, General Assembly of *1963; Democrat, Orange County. *Governor Sanford appointed Phipps to the House on March 18, 1963, to succeed John W. Umstead, Jr., who resigned. Phipps resigned effective July 6, 1963, and was replaced by Edwin J. Hamlin.

The son of Charles Reid Phipps and Connie Weaver of Chapel Hill, Phipps was born in Chapel Hill on March 20, 1898. He attended the public schools of Chapel Hill and served in the United States Army in 1918. Phipps earned a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1922, and was graduated from the U.N.C. Law School in 1924. He practiced law in Chapel Hill for forty-five years. At the time of his death Phipps was serving as a district court judge, Fifteenth District of North Carolina. In addition, he served as president and chairman of the board of First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Durham. Phipps died at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on October 1, 1969, after an illness of four weeks. He was buried at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery. Professional organizations: North Carolina and Fifteenth District bar associations. County positions: Judge, Orange County Recorders Court, 1947-63; chairman, Orange County Democratic Executive Committee; and chairman, Orange County Bicentennial Committee. Municipal positions: judge, Chapel Hill Recorders Court, 1933-39 and 1964-68. Publications: Churches of Orange County (chapter), Lefler and Wager's, Orange County, 1752-1952. Awards: 44 years of service, Orange County Bar, 1968. Memberships: Chapel Hill-Carrboro Merchants Association, attorney, thirty years; Historic Hillsborough Commission, chairman; American Legion (state commissioner, junior baseball, 1950-51; judge advocate, state department; and state historian, 1963); Occoneechee Council Boy Scouts of America, director; and Chapel Hill Rotary Club, president. Baptist: deacon; chairman, board of deacons; and moderator. Spouse: Vivian Jane Lassiter, Aulander, Bertie County, June 34, 1924. Children: Vivian Lassiter (Mrs. Edward G. Bond), Edention; and Jamesina Dana (Mrs. William O. Gordon), Greensboro.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
 Questionnaire, Mrs. Luther J. Phipps, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), October 2, 1969.
The Durham Sun, October 1, 1969.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1971-Resolutions.

PICKARD, GLENN MORRIS (1919-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, and 1967; Democrat, Alamance County (1961-66) and the Twenty-first District (1967), Alamance County.

The son of Alfred Leroy Pickard and Ola Snipes, Pickard was born in Burlington on June 17, 1919. Pickard attended Campbell Junior College, 1939-41, and Presbyterian Junior College, 1941-42. He served in the United States Naval Reserve, 1942-45, and attained the rank of lieutenant commander. After the service Pickard earned his Bachelor's degree at Elon College and in 1948 received his LL.B. degree from the University of North Carolina Law School. He was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar that same year and practiced law with the firm of Latham, Pickard, & Ennis in Burlington. In addition, Pickard served as president of Bareco, Inc., and held the position of secretary of Abner Sales, Inc., and Hunter Television, Inc. Professional organizations: Alamance County, 13th Judicial District, and North Carolina bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Judiciary, Justices of the Peace, Public Utilities, Courts and Judicial Districts, Insurance. State organizations, North Carolina Council on Mental Retardation. County organizations: Alamance County Board of Elections, 1952-60; and Alamance County Young Democrats, president, 1953. Municipal organizations: Burlington Planning and Zoning Commission, 1948-56; and Burlington Junior Chamber of Commerce, president. Memberships: Elks; Moose; and Mason and Shriner. Methodist. Spouse: Mary Ellen Hayes, January 18, 1945. Children: Morris G., Jr.; Thomas Alfred; and Frederick Walker. Relatives in General Assembly: George C. Pickard, grandfather (Orange-House-1913).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1913; 1961-67.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
 N.C. State Archives, Alamance County Estate Records, A. J. Pickard, 1896.

PICKLER, JANET WORTH (1934-)
 (MRS. EUGENE BURNS PICKLER)

House, General Assemblies of *1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-second District, Stanly County. *Effective February 25, 1976, she replaced Richard Lane Brown III, who had resigned.

Born in Penn Yan, New York, on July 31, 1934, Pickler was the daughter of John Gratwohl Wirth, a native of Nebraska, and Ruth Kathleen Mead of Penn Yan, New York. Her father was a governmental administrator and manager of a canning factory while her mother was a county home matron. An only child, she attended Alexander Central School in Alexander, New York, 1943-52, and Eastman School of Music Preparatory Department, 1948-52. In 1956 Pickler earned a B.S. degree at the State University of New York at Geneseo, and obtained an M.A. degree in speech-hearing pathology from Michigan State University in 1960. She was enrolled at Eastern Michigan University for additional courses in teaching the deaf. Pickler first resided in North Carolina at the age of twenty-four. She had taught briefly at the primary and secondary level prior to becoming a college professor. Pickler presently holds the position of assistant professor of speech at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer. Professional organizations: North Carolina Speech, Hearing, and Language Association; Speech Communication Association; North Carolina Mental Health Association (vice-president); Stanly County Mental Health Association; Mid-Crescent Subarea Advisory Council; and the Stanly County Association for Retarded Citizens, director. House committees: (vice-chairman) Mental Health. Political activities: first vice-chairman, Stanly County Democratic Party, 1974-76. Awards and honors: Volunteer of the Year Award, Stanly County Mental Health Association, 1971-72; Outstanding Service Award, North Carolina Mental Health Association, 1974 and 1975; and (listed in) Outstanding Educators of America, 1966. Publications: "A Study of the Relationship of Scores Obtained on the Seashore Measures of Musical Talents, the Personality Scale of Manifest Anxiety, and Selected Intelligence Tests to Phonetic Transcription Ability", Speech Monographs, 1960. Memberships: Stanly County Business and Professional Women's Club, president; and member, Stanly County-Albemarle Historical Museum Association, Inc. Baptist: teacher, fifteen years; and a circle chairman. Spouse: Eugene Burns Pickler, Stanly County, agricultural businessman, August 2, 1958. Children: Audrey Renee; Sarah Kathleen; and Eva Carol.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.

PLYLER, AARON WESLEY (1926-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-third District, Union County.

Born in Monroe on October 1, 1926, Plyler was the son of Isom Franklin Plyler, a farmer from Pageland, South Carolina, and Ida Jeanette Foard of Indian Trail, Union County. Reared on a farm, he was educated at Benton Heights School in Monroe and attended Florida Military Academy, 1943-1944. Plyler is employed as a business executive and serves as president of Plyler Grading and Paving, Inc., a general contracting firm in Monroe. In addition, he is engaged in hotel management, real estate sales and management, and restaurant management. Plyler holds the positions of president of Hilltop Enterprises, vice-president Sturdibuilt, Inc., and (vice-president, secretary, treasurer) of White Point, Inc., of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He also serves on the board of directors of American Bank and Trust Company, H. R. Johnson Construction Company, and the North Carolina Restaurant Association. Professional organizations: Associated General Contractors of America; North Carolina Motel Association; and the National Restaurant Association. House committees: (chairman) Corrections Committee; (vice-chairman) Local Government. State organizations, Advisory Board of Vocational and Technical Education in North Carolina. County organizations: Union County Perimeter Planning Board; Union County Water-Sewer, co-chairman; and the Union County Democratic Party, chairman. Municipal organizations: Monroe Perimeter Planning Board; the Monroe-Union Chamber of Commerce, president. Educational activities: president, Wingate College Patron Club; and advisory board, Stonewall Jackson Training School. Awards: Man of the Year Award, Union County, 1971; and Leadership Award, Union County, 1973. Memberships: Monroe Rotary Club; and Moose Lodge. Presbyterian: chairman, board of deacons. Spouse: Dorothy Frances Moser, Union County, May 22, 1948. Children: Barbara Plyler Faulk; Nancy Drane; Aaron W., Jr.; Alan; and Alton.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

POOVEY, JULIUS REID (1902-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967 and 1977-78; Republican, Fortieth District (1967) and the Thirty-seventh District (1977-1978), Catawba County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1969 and 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-sixth District (1969) and the Twenty-third District (1973-1974), Catawba County.

Born in Hickory on September 24, 1902, Poovey was the son of Lloyd Willard Poovey, a Catawba County farmer and manufacturer, and Nancy Thomas Reid of North Carolina. He attended the schools of Hickory, Weaver College, and in 1922 was graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, (commercial graduate). Poovey worked as an accountant in Hickory but is now retired. He had served in the United States Coast Guard Reserve, 1944-1945. House committees: Election Laws, Finance, Highway Safety, Transportation, Wildlife. County organizations, Catawba County Board of Elections. Municipal positions: judge, pro tem, Hickory Municipal Court. Political activities: board of advisors, North Carolina Federation of College Republicans; and member, state, county, and precinct Republican executive committees. Episcopalian. Spouse: Kathryn Violet Icard, April 7, 1928. Children: Mrs. Walter N. Yount, Jr.; J. Reid, Jr.; William B.; and James N.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1967-1969; 1973; 1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

POPE, WILLIAM ROBERT (1918-)

House, General Assemblies of 1951 and 1963; Democrat, Iredell County.

Born at Mount Mourne, Iredell County, on February 24, 1918, Pope was the son of James Robert Pope and Mary Elizabeth Kelly. He attended Davidson High School as well as Brevard College and received a B.S. degree from Davidson College in 1940. During World War II Pope served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy. In 1948 he earned an LL.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was admitted to the State Bar. Pope immediately began a law practice in Mooresville and presently holds the position of senior partner in the firm of Pope, Brawley, Doughton and Fields in Mooresville. Professional organizations: Iredell County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: (vice-chairman) Corporations, Military Affairs. County positions: attorney, Iredell County, 1974- . Municipal positions: judge, Mooresville Recorder's Court, 1952-1962; and attorney, Mooresville, 1960- . Trustee, Mitchell College, 1961-1966. Memberships, Mason. Presbyterian. Spouse: Ina Amelia Barber. Children: William R., Jr.; James Shuford; Charles Vance; Elizabeth Barber; Deborah; and Caroline.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1951; 1963.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

POPKIN, JERRY JOSEPH (1923-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Third District, Onslow County.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey, on February 3, 1923, Popkin was the son of Samuel Popkin, a salesman, and Katie Barker of Trenton. He was graduated from Trenton High School in 1940. At the age of eighteen Popkin moved to North Carolina and began working in the retail furniture business. He presently holds the position of president of Boomtown Furniture Company in Jacksonville. Senate committees: (chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control; (vice-chairman) Veterans and Military Affairs. Memberships (chairman): United Jewish Appeal; Cancer Fund; Red Cross; United Fund; and United Service Organizations. Jewish: founder, North Carolina Hebrew Foundation, Jacksonville. Spouse: Shirley Davis, Mercer County, New Jersey, August 29, 1950. Children: Samuel Stuart; Francine Holly; and Yale Marc.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.

Questionnaire, Toni Anders Tumlin, secretary, March, 1978.

POTEAT, ERNEST HAYNES (1895-)

House, General Assembly of 1963; Democrat, Mitchell County.

Born on May 7, 1895, in Bakersville, Poteat was the son of William Grayson Poteat, a merchant from Marion, McDowell County, and Hattie Maude Greene of Bakersville. One of four children, he attended Mitchell Collegiate Institute in Bakersville in 1914. During World War I Poteat served as a private in the United States Army, 1918-1919. As an early occupation Poteat taught school, but at the age of twenty-five he began a career in banking. He studied banking at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Poteat worked as a cashier with Merchants and Farmers Bank and the Northwestern Bank in Bakersville. In addition, he served as chairman of the board of managers of Northwestern Bank. By 1963 he had retired from the position of cashier. Poteat also worked as a postmaster under the United States Postal Service. House committees: Agriculture, Appropriations, Banks and Banking, Conservation and Development, Education, Public Grounds and Buildings, Roads, Wildlife Resources, Library. Boards: Mitchell County Selective Service Board, and French Broad Electric Membership Corporation. Memberships: Mason; and Bakersville Lions Club, president. Baptist, church treasurer. Spouse: Pauline Louise Baker, Mitchell County, music teacher, September 8, 1921. Children: Mrs. Evangeline P. Davis, Forest City, teacher; and Dr. Laurence E., Miami, Florida, professor of metalurgy, Miami University.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
 Questionnaire, Mrs. Evangeline P. Davis, daughter, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

POWELL, EDWARD LEE (1941-)

House, General Assemblies of *1971-72 and 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-ninth District, Forsyth County. *Governor Bob Scott appointed him to the House on August 4, 1972, to fill the term of Frederick C. Farmer.

Born in Mocksville on September 21, 1941, Powell was the son of Harrell Powell and Sarah Margaret Green of Mocksville. His father worked in forestry, while his mother was employed in dietetics. He finished Davie County High School in 1959 and received an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1963. Powell then attended the Wake Forest University School of Law where he obtained a J.D. degree in 1967. From 1967 to 1969 he served in the United States Army at Fort Bragg, Fort Bliss, and Long Binh, Viet Nam, and attained the rank of specialist six. Powell began a law practice at the age of twenty-five; he currently is affiliated with the firm of Yeager and Powell in Winston-Salem. Professional organizations: Forsyth County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Federal and Interstate Cooperation, Higher Education, Insurance, Judiciary. State organizations: North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; and member, Board of Transportation, North Carolina Department of Transportation. Episcopalian. Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Powell, Forsyth County, teacher.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

POWELL, WILLIAM PAUL (1932-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1969; Republican, Thirty-first District, Madison County. *Governor Bob Scott appointed him to the Senate on December 2, 1969, to replace Bruce B. Briggs who had resigned.

Born in Hendersonville on June 9, 1932, Powell was the son of James Reid Powell, an agricultural businessman from Horse Shoe, Henderson County, and Edna Una Love of Hendersonville. After high school Powell attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he studied pharmacy. Powell began a career as a pharmacist at the age of twenty-two; he is employed at the Community Medical Center Pharmacy in Mars Hill. In addition, Powell served as president of the board of Wards Drugs, Inc. Professional organizations: North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, president. State organizations: the Juvenile, Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission. County organizations: Madison County Planning Board; and the Madison-Buncombe Opportunity Corporation, chairman, 1973-1977. Municipal positions: mayor, Mars Hill. Memberships: Civitan Club, president. Methodist. Cecelia Ann Chapman, Los Angeles, California.

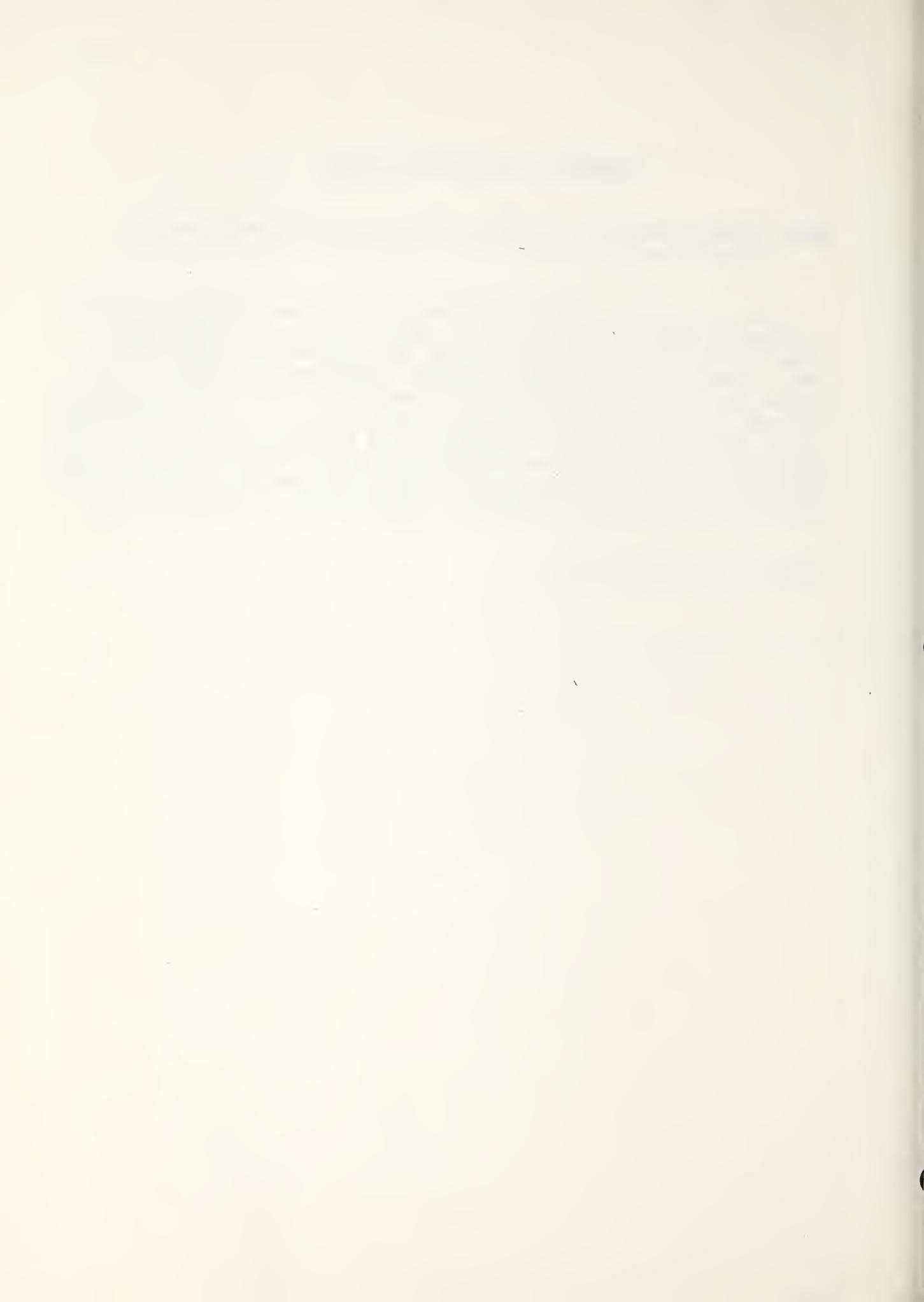
Sources: Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

PRESTWOOD, RALPH MENZIE (1919-)

House, General Assembly of 1975-76; Democrat, Thirty-fourth District,
Caldwell County.

The son of Walter Sidney Prestwood and Mary Hood, Prestwood was born in Hickory, Catawba County, on May 5, 1919. He attended Lenoir High School in Lenoir, Caldwell County, and was enrolled in a two-year business course under the GI BILL, 1948-1950. Prestwood had served in the United States Army from September 10, 1940 to October 8, 1945, and attained the rank of staff sergeant. In 1975 he operated a men's clothing shop in Lenoir, but in 1978 he was affiliated with C & W Motors in Lenoir. A private pilot, Prestwood resides in Asheville. House committees: Corrections, Health, Military and Veterans Affairs, Wildlife. Baptist. Spouse: Edith Coffey, January 26, 1950. Children: Sharon Deloris; and Ralph Michael.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975.



PROPST, CLYDE LUTHER, JR. (1925-)

House, General Assembly of *1955-56; Democrat, Cabarrus County. *He resigned on January 30, 1956.

Senate, General Assembly of 1963; Democrat, Twenty-first District, Cabarrus County.

The son of Clyde Luther Propst, a banker from Cabarrus County, and Ellen Wilson Pounds of Concord, Propst was born on May 27, 1925, in Concord. He was graduated from Concord High School in 1942 and served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946. After his military service he entered Duke University and received an A.B. degree in 1950. Two years later he completed his legal education at the Duke University School of Law. In addition, Propst attended Missouri Auction School and studied auctioneering. He began a law practice at the age of twenty-two and presently operates a private practice in Concord. As a second career he works as an auctioneer and serves as general manager of the Cabarrus County Agricultural Fair, Inc. Professional organizations: Cabarrus County and North Carolina bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Local Government. County positions: judge, Cabarrus County Recorder's Court, 1956-1958. Municipal positions: attorney, Concord. Memberships: Concord Chamber of Commerce, president. Presbyterian. Spouse: Frances Ann Wilkerson, Cabarrus County, September 1, 1948. Children: Carol, Susan, Luther, and Daniel.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955; 1963.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

PUGH, JESSIE THOMAS, JR. (1921-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-fourth District, Randolph County.

Born in Asheboro on December 16, 1921, Pugh was the son of Jesse Thomas Pugh and Mary Allene Fox of Asheboro. His father was employed in funeral services. A high school graduate, Pugh attended the College of Mortuary Science. At the age of twenty-one he began a career in funeral services and currently holds the position of president of Pugh Funeral Home, Inc., of Asheboro. House committees: (vice-chairman) Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf. Municipal positions: chairman, Asheboro Redevelopment Commission. Methodist: chairman, Commission on Education; member, administrative board; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Sarah Steed Tyson, Alamance County, teacher, May 8, 1942. Children: Elizabeth (Mrs. Fred I. Jones); Jesse T. III; Glenn McLaurin; and James Edgar.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-77.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

PURRINGTON, JOHN WARD (1940-)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Fifteenth District, Wake County.

Purrington was born in Raleigh on June 1, 1940. He was the son of A. L. Purrington, Jr., a lawyer from Scotland Neck, and Nella Grimes Ward. From 1954 to 1958 he attended Woodberry Forest School of Orange, Virginia. Purrington entered the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, as a John Motley Morehead Scholar and earned an A.B. degree in 1962. He served in the United States Navy, 1962-1964. Purrington received his legal education at the U.N.C. Law School where he obtained a J.D. degree in 1967. For the next year he was employed as a law clerk with the North Carolina Supreme Court. Purrington currently is employed as an attorney and businessman in Raleigh. He ran for the United States Congress in 1974 but was defeated in the Fourth District by Ike Andrews. Professional organizations: Wake County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: Appropriation Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation, Courts and Judicial Districts, Health, Judiciary, Manufacturers and Labor, State Personnel, Water and Air Resources. State organizations: Governor's Advisory Council on Drug Abuse Prevention, chairman, 1973-1974; North Carolina Board of Transportation, 1973-1974; North Carolina Utilities Commission, 1975-77. Memberships: Zeta Psi; Order of Gimghoul; and Phi Delta Phi. Episcopalian. Spouse: Charlotte Camp Smith, June 13, 1970.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.

Updated sketch, March, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1977.

QUINN, DWIGHT WILSON (1917-)

House, General Assemblies of 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, 1977-78; Democrat, Cabarrus County (1951-1966), Thirty-fifth District (1967-1972), and the Thirty-third District (1973-1978), Cabarrus County.

The son of William Lytle and Quinn and Lucy Wilson, Quinn was born on September 12, 1917, in York, South Carolina. He attended the public schools of Kannapolis and was enrolled in night and correspondence schools, where he studied business law, bookkeeping and accounting, typing, and business management and textiles. Quinn served in the United States Army, 1944-1945. As an early occupation Quinn worked as a printer in Kannapolis. Around 1959 he became a supervisor with the Cannon Mills Company and presently is employed as a textile executive with this firm. House committees: (chairman) Employment Security, State Personnel, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Finance, Higher Education, Education; (vice-chairman) Employment Security, Local Government, State Government, Expenditures of the House, Finance, Federal and Interstate Cooperation, Manufacturers and Labor, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Public Utilities. State organizations: Governor's Commission on Reorganization of State Government, 1959-1960, chairman, 1961-1962; North Carolina Citizen's Committee For Better Schools, Inc., Executive Committee; Governor's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime, Executive Committee; Committee on Criminal Code Revision; and the Governor's Study Committee on Architectural Barriers For the Benefit of the Handicapped. Boards: Southern Region Education Board, director; and Appalachian State University, chairman, trustees and executive committee. Political activities: delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1960 and 1968. Awards: Man of the Year, Kannapolis, 1948; and the National Distinguished Service Award For Outstanding Community Service, Amvets, 1953. Memberships: Cannon Memorial Y.M.C.A., director; Cabarrus County Boys Club, director; Cabarrus County Chapter, North Carolina Heart Association, director and past president; American Legion, vice-commander; Rotarian; and Mason and Shriner. Lutheran, Church Council. Spouse: Marian Elizabeth Isenhour, February 23, 1936. Children: Mrs. Lester U. Dodge.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1951-1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

RAGSDALE, HUGH APPLETON (1909-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963, 1965-66, 1967, and *1969; Democrat, Onslow County (1963-1966) and the Fourth District (1967-1970), Onslow County. *Ragsdale resigned effective July 21, 1969.

Born in Smithfield on January 18, 1909, Ragsdale was the son of Thomas Smith Ragsdale and Ann Eliza Robinson. Ragsdale attended Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia, and the University of North Carolina. He was engaged as an automobile dealer and farmer in Richlands, Onslow County. House committees: (chairman) Senatorial Districts, Water and Air Resources; (vice-chairman) Congressional Districts, Engrossed Bills and Expenditures of the House, Highway Safety, Insurance. State organizations: North Carolina State Highway Commission, 1971-1975. County organizations, Onslow County Board of Education. Municipal organizations: city council, Richlands. Methodist: board of stewards; and assistant district lay reader. Spouse: Annie Koonce Sutton, November 23, 1931. Children: Hugh A., Jr.; Carl Sutton; and Michael Robinson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-69.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

RAMSEY, FRANCES CRAFTON (1899-)
 (MRS. ROBERT REAGAN RAMSEY)

House, General Assembly of 1965-66; Republican, Madison County.

Born in Henderson, Kentucky, on December 25, 1899, Ramsey was the daughter of Clarence Cooksey Crafton, a farmer from Henderson, Kentucky, and Mary Ellen Robertson of Henderson. She was graduated from Barret High School in Henderson in 1918 and received a B.S. degree in home economics and science in 1922 from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. At this institution she completed some graduate work in the field of foods and nutrition and wrote a thesis entitled "On the Fat Content of Green Beans". She taught home economics and science at State High School in Shop Springs, Tennessee, and at Henderson County High School in Henderson, Kentucky, 1924-1926. After teaching from 1926 to 1928 at Anderson College in Anderson, South Carolina, Ramsey moved to North Carolina and was employed with the Madison County Agricultural Extension Service as a home demonstration agent. Later she served as a clerk in the offices of the Asheville Livestock Yard and the Newport Livestock Yard in Newport, Tennessee, 1937-1940. Ramsey worked as a bookkeeper and office manager of the Asheville Livestock Yard from 1940 to 1944. In addition, she managed a general merchandising store in Walnut, North Carolina, 1949-1958, as well as operated a dairy and tobacco farm between 1957 and 1962. Professional organizations: Educational Association; Madison County Farm Bureau; and the Madison County Dairy Association, secretary. House committees: Finance, Library, Water Resources and Control. County positions: chairman, Madison County Easter Seal Society; and vice-president, Madison County Good Government League. Methodist: United Methodist Women; Sunday School teacher; and president, Women's Society of Christian Service. Spouse: Robert Reagan Ramsey, Madison County, agricultural businessman, merchant, and sheriff, Madison County. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert Reagan Ramsey, husband (Madison-House-1953).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

RAMSEY, JAMES EDWARD (1931-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, *1971, and 1973-74; Democrat, Person County (1963-1966), Seventeenth District (1967-1972), and the Thirteenth District (1973-1974), Person County. *Speaker.

Born in Woodsdale, Person County, on October 19, 1931, Ramsey was the son of John Talmadge Ramsey, a farmer, and Otey Mae Wilkins of Woodsdale. Ramsey was graduated from Roxboro High School in 1949, one year after he had won the North Carolina high school debating championship. He earned an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1953 and studied political science at the University of Hawaii in 1954. Ramsey received his legal education at the U.N.C. Law School where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1958 and held the position of president of the Law Student Association, 1958-1959. From 1950 to 1960 Ramsey served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves and attained the rank of captain. He had been admitted to the State Bar in 1958 and began a law practice in Roxboro. Ramsey serves as senior partner in the firm of Ramsey, Hubbard & Galloway. In addition to his law career, Ramsey farms and also operates several car washes and conveniences stores known as Colony Mini Markets. Professional organizations: Person County (president, 1964-1966) and North Carolina bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Institutions For the Deaf, Insurance, Judiciary. County positions: judge, Person County Recorders Court, 1958-1962; and president, Person County Young Democrats, 1959. Memberships: Person County Wildlife Club; Lions Club, district governor; Olive Hill Ruritan Club, president, 1961-1962; and Roxboro Chamber of Commerce. Awards: Outstanding Young Man, Person County, 1962; and Distinguished Service Award, Person County, 1963. Methodist: steward; parsonage trustee; and associate lay reader. Spouse: Eunice Jordon Saunders, Edgecombe County, teacher, February 28, 1954. Children: Frank Talmadge; Linda Hart; David Clark; and Carl Wilkins.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-73.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.



RAMSEY, LISTON BRYAN (1919-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Madison County (1961-1964), Forty-seventh District (1967-1972), and the Forty-fourth District (1973-1978), Madison County.

Born in Marshall on February 26, 1919, Ramsey was the son of John Morgan Ramsey and Della Lee Bryan of Marshall. His father was employed in automobile sales and the forestry and wood products industry. Ramsey was graduated from Mars Hill College in 1938. After working a few years in the trucking industry, Ramsey served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1944 to 1946 and attained the rank of sergeant. After his military service, at the age of twenty-seven he entered a career in retail sales. Ramsey is employed as a merchant with Builders Supply Company of Marshall. House committees: (chairman) Justices of the Peace, Local Government, Legislative Redistricting, Finance. State commissions: Legislative Research; Legislative Services; Governmental Operations; and the Advisory Budget. Municipal organizations: board of aldermen, Marshall, 1949-1961. Political activities: chairman, Madison County Democrats, 1952-1958; State Democratic Committee, 1958- ; delegate, 1968 National Democratic Convention; and chairman, Eleventh Congressional District, Democratic Executive Committee, 1972- . Memberships: Mason; Elks; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and American Legion. Baptist. Spouse: Florence McDevitt, accountant, Madison County. Children: Martha Louise George, Gulfport, Mississippi.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1961-1963; 1967-1977.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

RANDALL, JOHN TROY (1901-)

House, General Assemblies of 1957, *1961, and 1963; Republican, Henderson County. *Governor Sanford appointed him to the House on February 6, 1961, to replace Thomas B. Lockaby who had resigned prior to the opening of the session.

Born in Leicester, Buncombe County, on July 6, 1901, Randall was the son of Henry Clay Randall and Laura Elizabeth Martin. He attended Fruitland Institute, 1914-1915, Leicester High School, 1915-1916, and earned an A.B. degree at Western Carolina College in 1919. In addition, Randall was enrolled at the Bliss School of Electrical Engineering, Washington, D.C., 1920-1921. He was engaged in several occupations including service station operator, retail grocer, and insurance agent. Randall also taught public school in Johnston County for one year, worked with the Western Electric Company in Chicago, Illinois, for eight years, and was employed by the International Telephone and Telegraph Company in Mexico for four years. Randall presently resides in a retirement home in Asheville. House committees: Agriculture, Conservation and Development, Corporations, Education, Finance, Health, Military Affairs, Public Utilities, Salaries and Fees, Library. State organizations: North Carolina Grange, district deputy master, Western North Carolina. Methodist. Spouse: Ruth Pace, March 15, 1929.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957; 1963.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

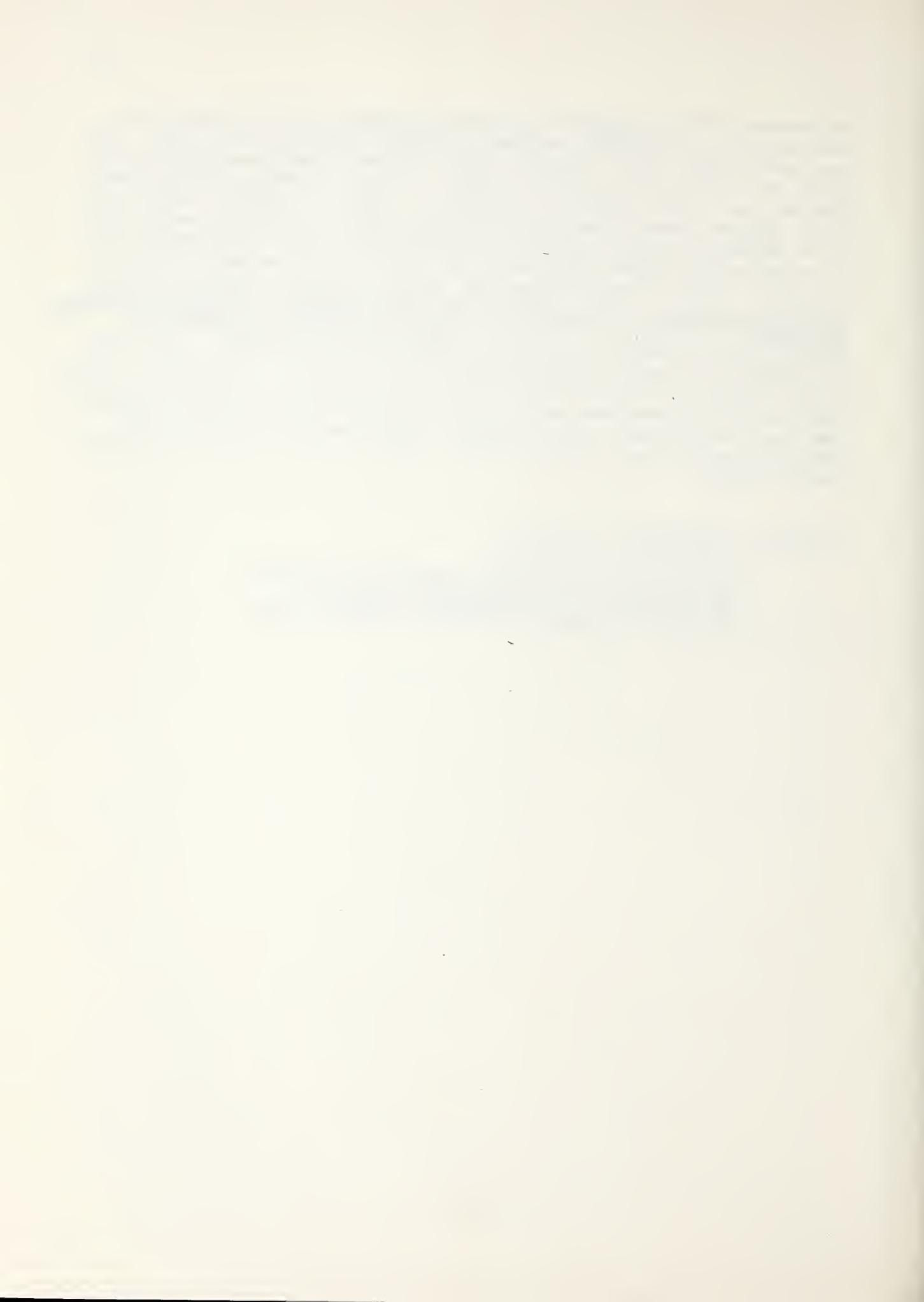
RAUCH, MARSHALL ARTHUR (1923-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-ninth District (1967-1972) and the Twenty-fifth District (1973-1978), Gaston County.

Born in New York City on February 2, 1923, Rauch was the son of Nathan A. Rauch and Tillie Wohl. He was graduated from Woodmere High School in 1940 and was enrolled at Duke University from 1940 to 1943. While at Duke Rauch played varsity basketball and served as president of his fraternity. He entered the United States Army as a private in 1943 and served active duty in the European Theatre. Released as a private first class in 1945, Rauch had been decorated with the Combat Infantry Badge. After World War II he began working with his wife's family business in Bessemer City, Gaston County. In 1956 Rauch started his own company, Pyramid Mills--a textile operation in Gastonia. Seven years later his firm began manufacturing satin sheen Christmas ornaments, and these items became very popular. By 1970 Rauch attained the position of chairman of the board of Pyramid Mills as well as three other subsidiary companies in North Carolina and New York. Around 1974 Rauch consolidated his concerns and formed Rauch Industries, Inc.; he serves as chairman of the board, treasurer, and director of this Gastonia-based corporation. Some of the firms that merged into this new organization included Pyramid Mills Co., Inc., Bessemer City; Pyramid Dye Corporation, Bessemer City; Nile Star, Inc., Woodmere, New York; and Gastonia Dyeing Corporation. In addition, Rauch holds the following positions in other businesses: treasurer and director, E. P. Press, Inc., Gastonia; The Rauch Foundation, Inc., Gastonia; director, Plastivac Corporation, Charlotte; director, Mid-South Life Insurance Company, Fayetteville; director, Majestic Insurance Financing Corporation, Gastonia; director, First Union National Bank; and manager, Narco Molding Company, Bessemer City. Senate committees: (chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee on Personnel and Long Range Planning, Intergovernmental Relations, State Government, Law Enforcement and Crime Control, Finance; (vice-chairman) Public Utilities; Finance; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce. State organizations: Governor's Good Neighbor Council, 1963-1970; North Carolina Jail Study Commission, 1968; Advisory Council, North Carolina Committee For Children and Youth, 1968-1969; Legislative Research Committee on Interest Rates, 1968-1969; North Carolina Committee on Population and Family, chairman, 1968-1969; Employ the Handicapped Committee, 1964-1965; North Carolina Citizens Committee For Dental Health, 1968-1969; Joint Advisory Committee on Dental Education, chairman, 1969-1971; and the Advisory Budget Commission, 1974 and 1977. County organizations: Top Management Advisory Committee, Gaston County Industrial Management Club, 1963-1965; and Gaston County Y.M.C.A., president, 1971. Municipal positions: mayor pro tem, Gastonia, 1952-1954 and 1961-1963; city councilman, Gastonia, 1952-1954 and 1961-1965; chairman, Gastonia Human Relations Committee, 1964-1967; and senior advisor, Gastonia Boys Club, 1947-1963. Director: Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, 1965-1966; Salvation Army Boys Club, 1963- ; Gaston Boys Club, 1964- ; Gaston Museum

of Natural History, 1963-1964; Planned Parenthood and World Population, New York, N.Y., 1968-1969; and Gaston Community Action, Inc., 1966. Educational organizations: Duke University-Gaston Alumni Association, president, 1961-1962; trustee, U.N.C., 1969- ; board of advisors, Gardner-Webb College; and trustee, U.N.C., Greensboro. Awards and honors: Man of the Year, Gastonia Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1957; National Recreation Citation, National Recreation Association, 1965; Man of the Year, North Carolina Health Department, 1968; Man & Boy Award, Salvation Army Red Shield Boys Club, 1970; (listed in) Who's Who in World Jewery; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; Leading Men in the United States; Who's Who in American Politics; and "Tar Heel of the Week", The News and Observer (Raleigh), March 1, 1970. Jewish: chairman, Gaston Jewish Welfare Fund, 1958-1962 and 1968-1969; director, North Carolina United Jewish Appeal Cabinet, 1968-1969; first vice-president, North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, 1966; National Council American Jewish Joint Distributions Committee, 1968-1971; and board of governors, North Carolina Jewish Home For the Aged, 1968- . Spouse: Jeanne Girard, May 18, 1946. Children: John, Marc, Ingrid, Pete, and Stephanie.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1978-1979.
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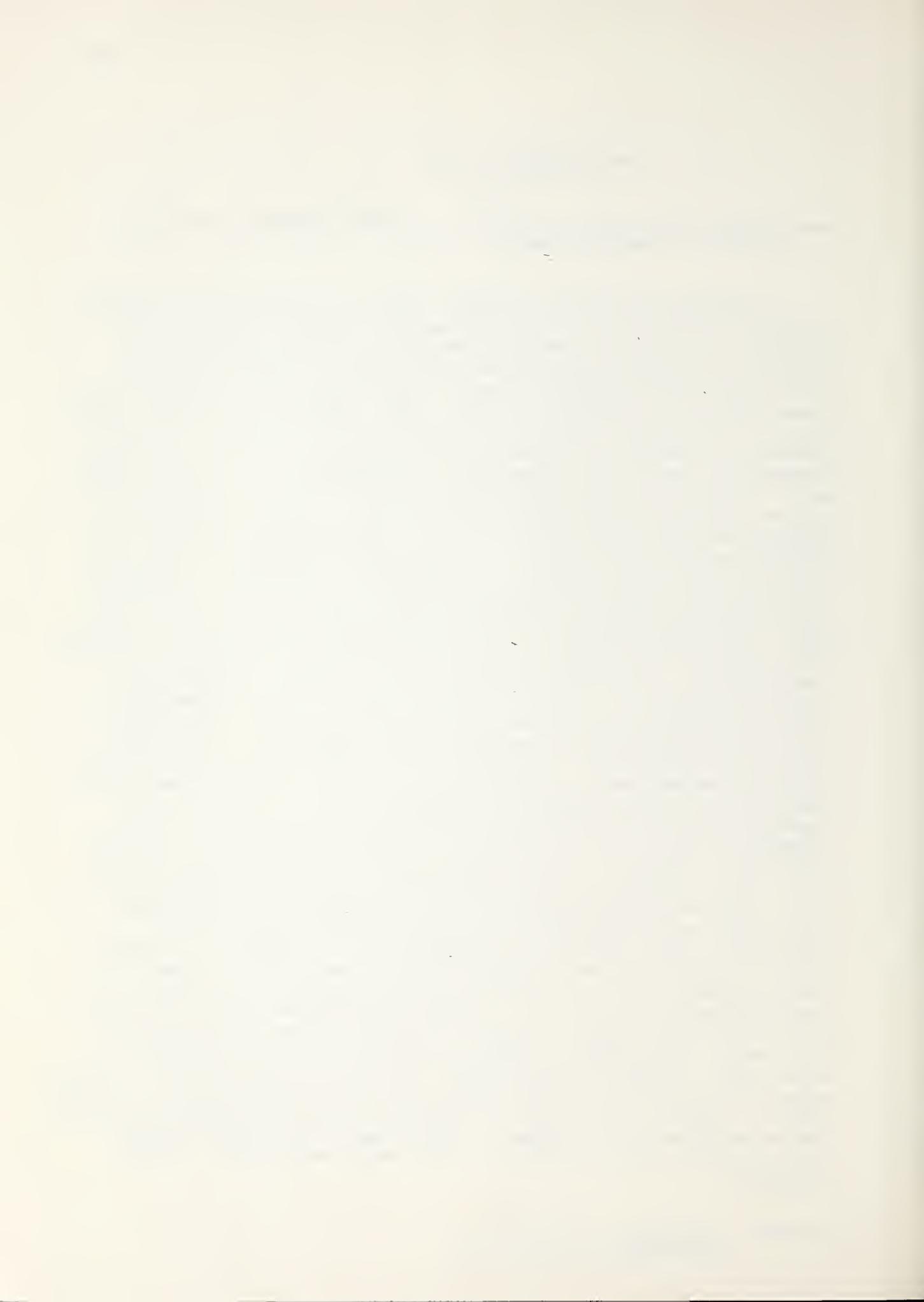


RAY, HECTOR ELI (1919-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twentieth District, Cumberland County.

A lifelong Fayetteville resident, Hector E. Ray was born on October 20, 1919. He was one of three children born to Bond Sedberry Ray, a building and construction employee from Bladen County, and Ester Hazel Bradford of Cumberland County. Ray was graduated in 1939 from Massey Hill High School in Fayetteville and attended Government Electrical Trade School at Fort Bragg, 1942-1943. Upon graduation he entered private business and presently serves as co-owner and chief executive officer of Blackwell and Ray Electric Company, an electrical contracting service in Fayetteville. Among the several bills he sponsored during the 1977-1978 General Assembly was the appropriation of \$50,000 for a biographical directory and pictures of the North Carolina General Assembly. Professional organizations: North Carolina Electrical Contractors Association, board of directors. House committees: (vice-chairman) General Government and Transportation, Local Government. Commissions: Governmental Operations; Legislative Research; Inter-government Relations, chairman; Local Building Inspectors, chairman; Local Mass Transit, chairman. State organizations: North Carolina Board of Electrical Examiners, appointed by Governor Terry Sanford, 1961-1962 and 1962-1966; North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee; and the Agricultural Extension Service Advisory Board. County organizations: Cumberland County Board of County Commissioners, 1964-1972, chairman, 1969-1972. Municipal organizations: Cumberland County Auditorium Committee; and Fayetteville-Cumberland County Youth Council, honorary member. Awards and honors: Certificate of Appreciation, United States Department of Agriculture, 1968 (for outstanding service in assisting agricultural agencies in Cumberland County); Certificate of Appreciation, Fayetteville-Cumberland County Youth Council, 1971 (for outstanding service to the youth of Fayetteville and Cumberland County); Fayetteville Optimist Club, 1972 (for outstanding contributions in civic and government affairs); Fayetteville Jaycees, 1972 (in grateful appreciation of his contributions while serving as chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners); Resolution of Appreciation, City of Fayetteville, 1972; Certificate of Appreciation, 1972-1973 (for outstanding and dedicated service to Cumberland County Association, Classroom Learning Disability); Cumberland County Distinguished Service Award, 1973 (for outstanding service to the citizens of Cumberland County as a member and chairman of the Board of County Commissioners); and the Citation of Merit Award, North Carolina Rehabilitation Association (for exceptional contributions on behalf of handicapped citizens of North Carolina). Memberships: YMCA, board of directors; Mason and Shriner; and Knights of Pythias. Baptist: deacon; vice-president, Brotherhood, 1972; and chairman, administrative committee, 1974. Spouse: Dorothy Louise Williamson, Columbus County, March 7, 1941. Children: Louise Bond; Brenda Joyce; and Mary Elizabeth.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, June, 1978.



RAYNOR, JOSEPH BRYANT, JR. (1923-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Cumberland County (1965-1966) and the Twenty-third District (1967-1972), Cumberland County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and 1977-78; Democrat, Tenth District, Cumberland County.

Born in Cumberland County on January 26, 1923, Raynor was the son of Joseph Bryant Raynor and Beatrice Owen. He was graduated from Seventy-first High School in 1940 and the Electronic and Engineering School in 1944. He owns Raynor Supply Company, an automotive wholesale supply dealer in Fayetteville. House committees: (chairman) Institutions For the Deaf, Mental Health; (vice-chairman) Health, Military and Veterans Affairs, Mental Health, Public Welfare. Senate committees: (chairman) Mental Health, Law Enforcement and Crime Control. Federal organizations: Selective Service Board, Cumberland County, 1963-1964 (appointed by John F. Kennedy, April 2, 1963). State organizations: Governor's Study Commission on Emotionally Disturbed Children (created State Child Advocacy Office); State Commission on Alcoholism; State Mental Health Facilities Study (appointed by Legislative Research Commission); Commission to Study Problems of Exceptional Children, 1975; and Department of Public Instruction, consultant, 1975. County organizations: Cumberland County Mental Health Association; Cumberland County Chapter, North Carolina Society For Crippled Children and Adults, president; and the Cumberland County Guidance Center, director. Political activities: Executive Committee, Cumberland County Young Democrats, 1959 and 1963; and chairman, Democratic 7th Congressional District, 1971. Memberships: Cumberland County Wildlife Association; Knights of Pythias; Moose; Fayetteville Exchange Club; and the Seventy-first Ruritan Club. Awards and honors: Exchangeite of the Year, 1959; and Certificate of Recognition (for service to the nation and Selective Service System in the Administration of the Universal Military Training and Service Act), President Lyndon B. Johnson, June 30, 1964. Methodist. Spouse: Mildred Elizabeth Horne, January 15, 1944.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1965-1973; 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Who's Who in American Politics, 1971-1972.

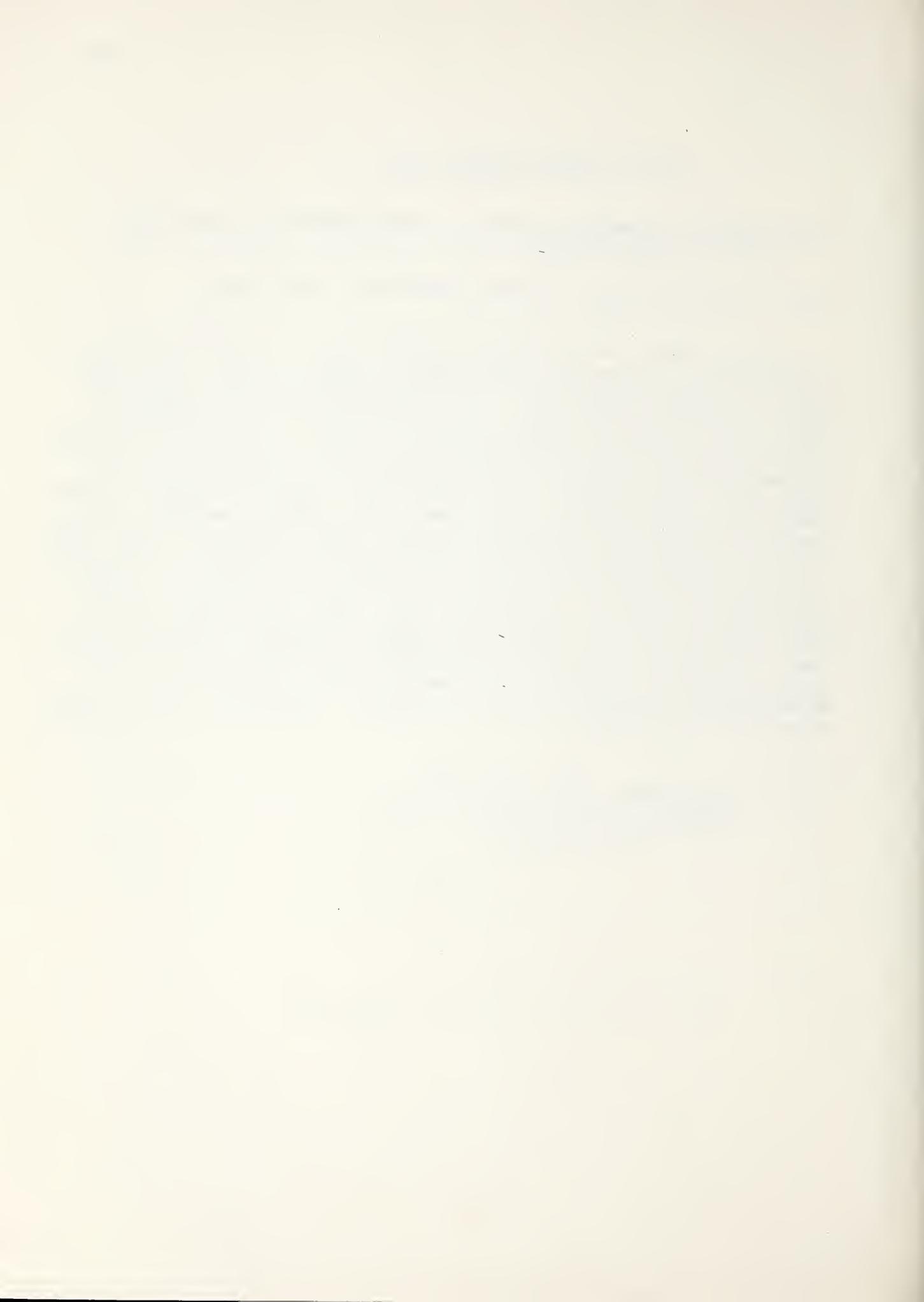
REAVIS, CHARLES GEORGE (1892-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1953 and 1959; Republican, Twenty-fourth District, Yadkin County.

House, General Assembly of 1965-66; Republican, Yadkin County.

Born in Yadkin County on May 31, 1892, Reavis was the son of George Wilson Reavis, a farmer, and Lydia Vanhoy of Yadkin County. One of eight children, Reavis was reared on a farm and attended the public schools of Yadkin County from 1899 to 1910. As early occupation Reavis farmed and also served as sheriff of Yadkin County, 1931-1934. His primary vocation, however, was in automobile sales and service. For many years Reavis served as president and co-owner of Pioneer Chevrolet Co., Inc., in Yadkinville. Professional organizations, Junior Order United American Mechanics. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Penal Institutions. House committees: Agriculture, Appropriations, Employment Security, Manufacturers and Labor, Penal Institutions, Propositions and Grievances, Senatorial Districts. Methodist: trustee, 1947-1952; Sunday School superintendent, 1926-1930 and 1944-1952; and steward, 1920-1944. First spouse: Attie Long, 1913 (deceased 1916). Second spouse: Hattie B. Key, Surry County, January 20, 1920. Children: Thad, King, Stokes County; Edna (Mrs. Charles Dellinger), Clemmons, Forsyth County; Clyde C., Yadkinville; Gray, Yadkinville; Evelyn (Mrs. Richard Taylor, later Mrs. Hugh Brann after husband died); and Charles G., Jr., Winston-Salem. Relatives in General Assembly: Wade Reavis, cousin (Yadkin-House-1911, 1913, 1925).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1953; 1959; 1965.
Telephone interview, July 12, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

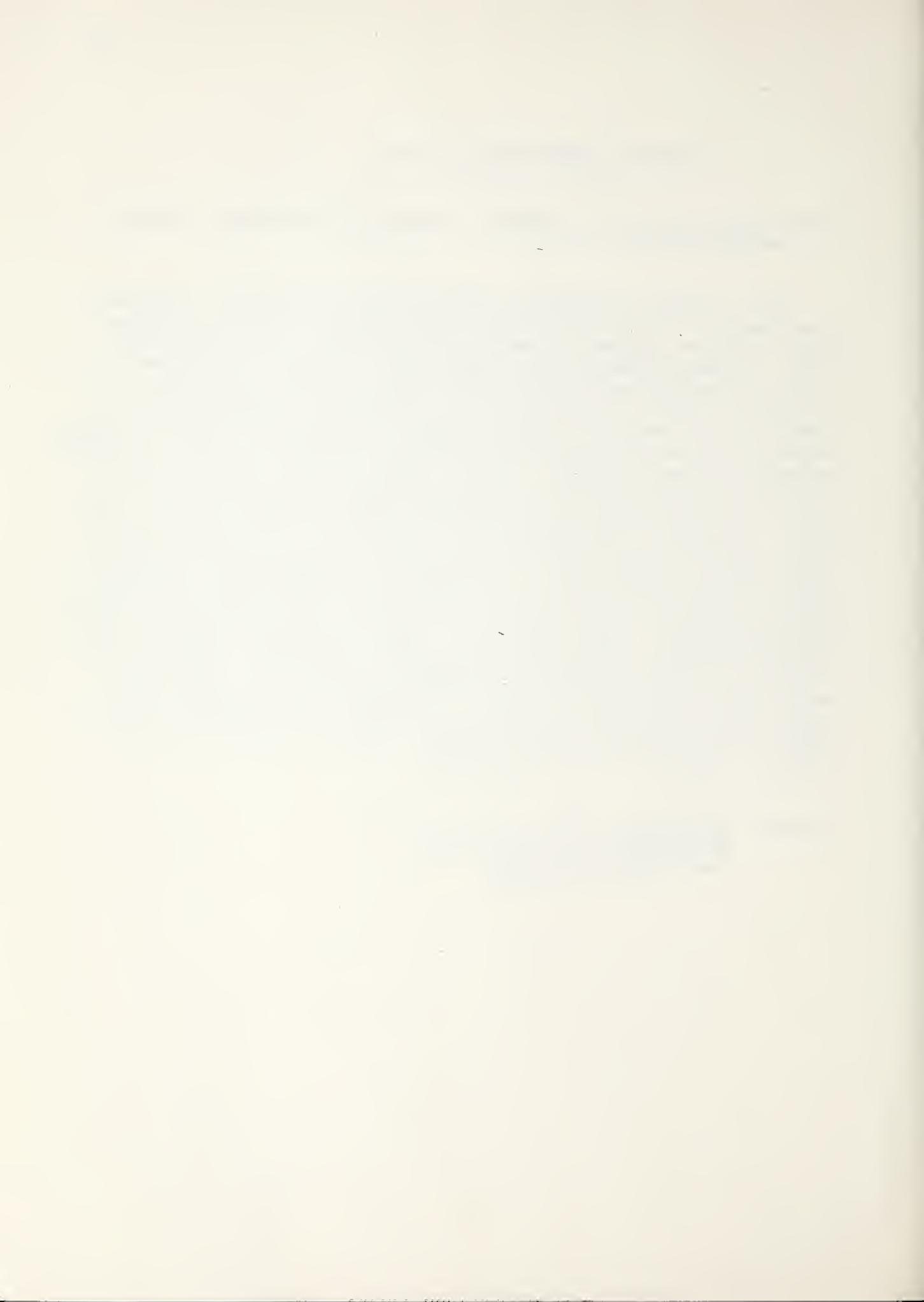


REDDING, WILLIAM FRANK III (1930-)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-fourth District, Randolph County.

Born in Asheboro on March 11, 1930, Redding was the son of William Frank Redding, Jr., of Asheboro and Viola Sanborn of Jonesboro, Arkansas. His parents were employed in business administration and had one other child. Redding attended Asheboro High School from 1943 to 1948 and was graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with a B.S. degree in 1952. While at U.N.C. he lettered in basketball and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Honorary Business Scholastic Fraternity. Redding served in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1954 and attained the rank of first lieutenant. After an early career in sales, at the age of thirty-two he entered the insurance business. Redding attained the position of president of Johns and Redding Insurance Agency, Inc., of Asheboro. In addition, Redding has served as director of the First National Bank of Asheboro since 1962, held the position of vice-president of Mid-State Paper Box Company, Inc., and served as vice-president in charge of sales of Pinehurst Textiles, Inc. Professional organizations: Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina, Inc.; and the National Association of Life Underwriters. House committees: Banks and Banking, Education, Election Laws, Finance, Highway Safety, Insurance. Municipal organizations: Asheboro City Board of Education, 1965-1972, (vice-chairman, 1969-1972). Memberships: Piedmont Tennis Association, president; and member, Rotary International. Methodist: teacher; and member, administrative board. Spouse: Joan Sistrunk, Palatka, Florida, teacher, November 28, 1953. Children: Rebecca, Marianne, and Nancy.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.



REED, NORRIS CUMMINS, JR. (1910-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1969 and 1971; Democrat, Third District, Craven County.

The son of Norris Cummins Reed and Coronilla Seibert, Reed was born in Washington, D.C., on August 27, 1910. He was reared in Washington and was graduated from Central High School in 1928. Reed attended Columbus University in Washington and in 1937 earned an LL.B. degree from the Columbus University School of Law. He served in the United States Army, 1943-44, and attained the rank of sergeant. Reed practiced law in New Bern and presently serves as district court judge, Third Judicial District, (1976-1980). Professional organizations: Craven County (president), North Carolina, and the Third Judicial District (president) bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control; (vice-chairman) Veterans and Military Affairs, Highway Safety. County organizations: judge, Craven County Recorder's Court, 1962-1966. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; Elks; American Legion, commander; and Forty and Eight, grand advocate, State of North Carolina. Disciples. Spouse: Gertrude Bryan Murrill, August 15, 1936. Children: Norris C. III.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1971.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

REID, DAVID EDWARD, JR. (1932-)

House, General Assembly of 1969; Democrat, Eighth District, Pitt County.

David E. Reid, Jr., was born in Asheville on July 30, 1932. He was one of two children of David Edward Reid, an engineer from Statesville, Iredell County, and Mary Susan Elias of Asheville. Reid was graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School in Asheville in 1952 and earned an A.B. degree in 1956 at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He attended the U.N.C. Law School, where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1959. During the following year Reid served as law clerk to Chief Justice J. Wallace Winborne of the North Carolina Supreme Court. He practiced law in Greenville and was associated with the firm of Mattox and Reid until his appointment in 1978 to the North Carolina Superior Court. He presently serves as a Superior Court judge in the 3rd Judicial District, Greenville. Professional organizations: Pitt County (president, 1972-1973), North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: Courts and Judicial Districts, Finance, Insurance, Judiciary, Local Government, State Personnel. County positions: president, Pitt County Mental Health Association. Municipal positions: city attorney, Greenville, 1965-1976. Political activities: president, North Carolina Young Democrats, 1963; and chairman, Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, 1963. Episcopalian. Spouse: Beverly Jacqueline Rippard, Henrico County, Virginia, September 13, 1958. Children: Rebekah Beverley; and Jacqueline Susan.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

REID, WILLIAM GEORGE (1928-)

House, General Assemblies of 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Surry County.

One of two children of George Byron Reid, a real estate salesman from Advance, Davie County, and Anne Frances Phipps, a teacher from Mount Pleasant, Ohio, Reid was born in Surry County on December 18, 1928. He was graduated from Pilot Mountain High School in 1945 and earned a B.S. degree from Western Carolina College in 1951. Reid received his legal education from the University of North Carolina Law School where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1954. For the next two years Reid served in the United States Army. Admitted to the State Bar in 1955, he began a law practice in Pilot Mountain. Reid currently operates a general practice in that Surry County town. Professional organizations, North Carolina and the 17th Judicial District bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts; (vice-chairman) Mental Health, Judiciary, Penal Institutions, Federal and Interstate Cooperation. Municipal positions: attorney, Pilot Mountain, 1956- . Trustee: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1961-1968. Memberships: American Legion; and Pilot Mountain Civitan Club, director, 1958. Methodist. Spouse: Sarah Jeanette Chance, Lumberton, Robeson County, journalist, September 13, 1953. Children: Cynthia Reid Walters; and Alyson Chance Reid.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1959-1963.
Questionnaire, December, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

RENFROW, EDWARD (1940-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Ninth District, Johnston County.

Born in Kenly on September 17, 1940, Renfrow was the son of Donnie Tildon Renfrow, an agricultural businessman from Kenly, and Ila Mae Lewis of Kenly-Middlesex. He was graduated from Clayton High School in 1958 and received a degree in business administration from Harbarger Business College. In addition, he completed special studies at Duke University, Atlantic Christian College, and LaSalle Extension University. Renfrow served in the North Carolina National Guard from 1962 to 1966 and attained the rank of specialist fourth class. He works as an accountant and owns Edward Renfrow and Co. Accountants of Smithfield. Renfrow also operates a farm in Johnston County and taught classes at Johnston County Technical Institute, 1969-1970. Professional organizations: North Carolina Society of Public Accountants, president, 1972-1973; and the National Society of Public Accountants, member and seminar speaker. Senate committees: (chairman) Appropriations Committee on Education; (vice-chairman) Agriculture. State organizations: Commission of Public School Laws in North Carolina, chairman; North Carolina Wildlife Commission; North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training System Council; and the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee, treasurer, 1973-1974. Municipal organizations: Smithfield Planning and Zoning Board. Memberships: Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce, first vice-president, 1974; and the Smithfield Jaycees, board of directors. Awards: Community Leader of America Award, 1971; and the Distinguished Service Award, Smithfield Jaycees, 1974. Baptist: treasurer, Johnston Baptist Association; and Executive Committee and General Board, Baptist State Convention, 1970-1974. Spouse: Rebecca Faye Stephenson, Smithfield, December 4, 1960. Children: Candace; and Paige.

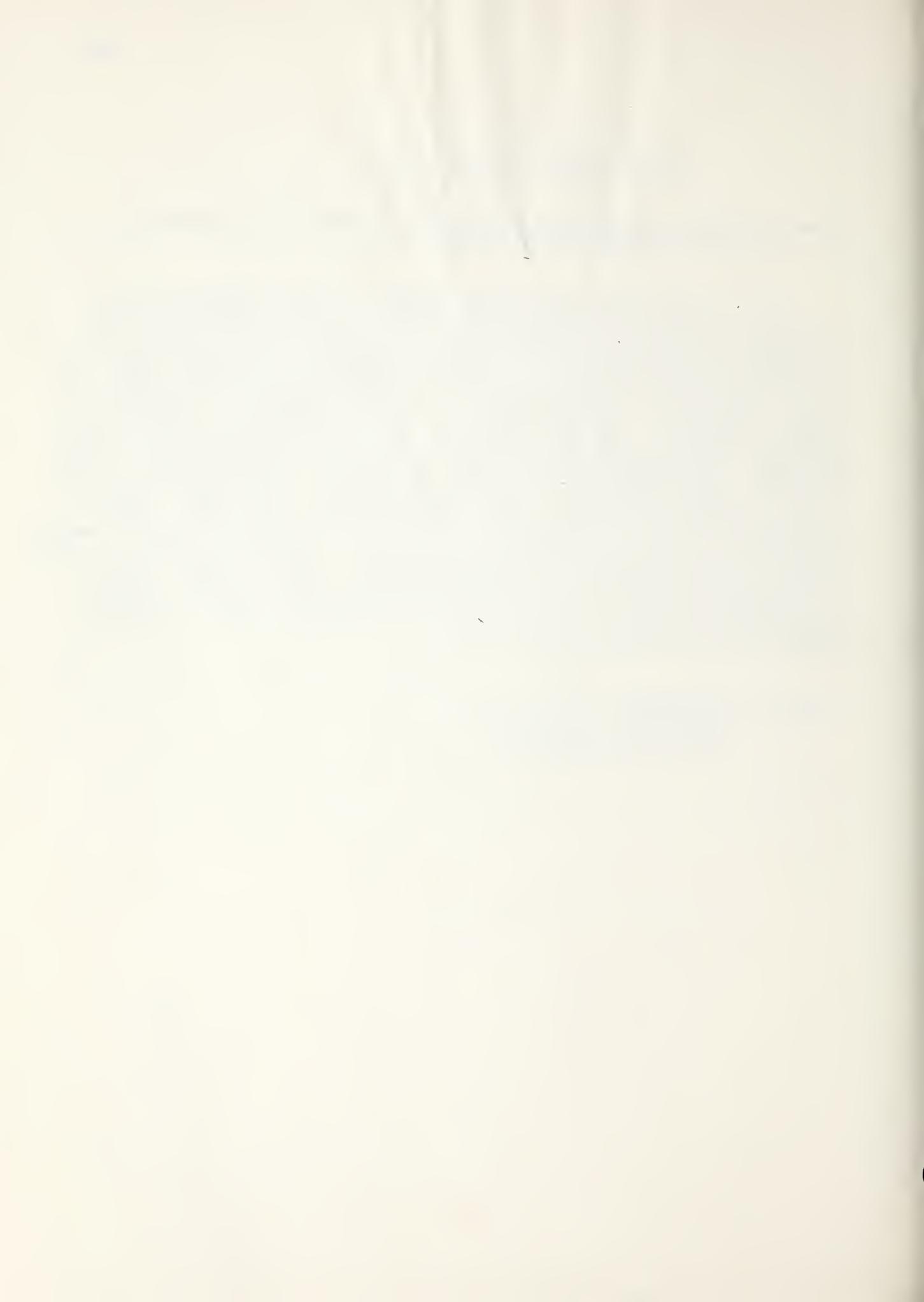
Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.

REVELLE, JAMES GUY, SR. (1908-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Fifth District, Northampton County.

The son of James Kelly Revelle, a farmer, and Annie Elizabeth Watson of Conway, Revelle was born in Conway on July 14, 1908. He attended Woodland-Olney High School, Wake Forest College, and received an A.B. degree from East Carolina College. Following graduation Revelle farmed until he was thirty-two years of age, at which time he began a career as an agricultural businessman. Revelle works as a fertilizer salesman for Armour and Company of Norfolk, Virginia, and covers Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, and Hertford counties. House committees: (vice-chairman) Highway Safety, State Personnel. State commissions: Sports Arena Study, chairman; Fire and Rate Insurance Study, chairman; and the Research Study. County positions: commissioner, Northampton County, 1953-1972 (chairman, 1963-1972); chairman, Northampton County Board of Health, ten years; and member, Northampton County School Board. Trustee, Roanoke-Chowan Hospital. Memberships, Mason. Awards: Twenty-five year membership pin, Masonic Lodge. Baptist: Sunday School superintendent; deacon; and chairman, board of deacons. Spouse: Pearla Mae Futrelle, Northampton County, teacher, December 20, 1931. Children: James G. Jr.; and Pearla Revelle Lowe.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.



RHODES, SAMUEL THOMAS (1944-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Republican, Twelfth District, New Hanover County. Joint Caucus Leader, Minority Party.

Of Scottish ancestry, Rhodes was born in Wilmington on October 12, 1944. He was one of two children of Samuel Thomas Rhodes, a restaurant manager from Jacksonville, Onslow County, and Dorothy Mae Williamson of Wilmington. Rhodes was graduated from New Hanover High School in 1962, earned a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1966, and received an M.A. degree in Zoology from Auburn University. At the age of twenty-five Rhodes began a teaching career and currently serves as an instructor of marine science at Cape Fear Technical Institute in Wilmington. Professional organizations: American Institute of Biological Sciences; International Oceanographic Foundation; and the National Historical Society. House committees: Aging, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Education, Finance, Insurance, Transportation, Water and Air Resources. State organizations: North Carolina Marine Science Council, chairman; North Carolina Ocean Science Institute, director; North Carolina Board of Transportation; and the North Carolina Marine Resources Center Administrative Board. County organizations: New Hanover County Marine Science Consortium, director; and New Hanover County Friends of the Public Library, director. Publications, two scientific papers. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; Order of Demolay (advisor, director, and founding father, 1972); Wilmington Jaycees, Lower Cape Fear Council For the Arts, first vice-president; Historic Wilmington Foundation; and the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Awards: Distinguished Service Award, Jaycees, 1973; and nominee, North Carolina State Jaycee Man of the Year Award, 1973. Presbyterian: board of deacons; and chairman, budget committee. Spouse: Katherine Vonkleist Wideman, Marion, South Carolina, February 18, 1975. Relatives in General Assembly: Carolyn Mathis, cousin (Mecklenburg-House-1973-74, 1975-76; Senate-1977-78).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, November, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

RHYNE, JACK LaROY (1935-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969 and 1971; Democrat, Forty-first District, Gaston County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1973-74; Democrat, Twenty-fifth District, Gaston County.

Born in Belmont on May 12, 1935, Rhyne was the son of James Albert Rhyne, a minister from McAdenville, Gaston County, and Pansy Parvell Loftin of Mount Holly, Gaston County. One of six children, he attended Central Belmont Junior and Senior High from 1948 to 1953. Rhyne was enrolled at Gardner-Webb Junior College, 1953-1954, studied engineering at Charlotte College, 1955-1956, and later attended Belmont Abbey College. After working as a restaurant manager and Western Auto Store operator, Rhyne became director of Personnel-Safety-Public and Employee Relations for Impac Inc., a mechanical contracting firm of Charlotte. Later he attained the position of director of Personnel and Employee Relations for Radiator Speciality Company, a manufacturer of auto, plumbing, and hardware specialities and chemicals in Charlotte. Rhyne lectured on practical politics and municipal government at Belmont Abbey College. House committees: (vice-chairman) Constitutional Amendments, Public Buildings and Grounds. Senate committees: (chairman) Wildlife; (vice-chairman) Highway Safety, Insurance, State Government. State organizations, Governor's Auto Liability Insurance Commission. County positions: president, Gaston County Young Democrats, 1965; and chairman, Gaston County Mayors Council, 1954-1966. Municipal positions: mayor, Belmont, 1963-1968 (youngest elected mayor in the United States at that time). Awards: Outstanding Young Men of America, 1965. Memberships: Belmont Jaycees, president. Baptist: district superintendent, training union; delegate, State Baptist Convention, 1949; superintendent, Young Peoples Department Training Union; and teacher. Spouse: Helen Sue Wallace, Mecklenburg County, saleswoman, February 21, 1954. Children: Robin, Johnny, and Susan.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1973.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

RIDENOUR, JOHN LAWSON III (1914-1973)

House, General Assembly of 1969; Democrat, Twenty-sixth District, Guilford County.

Born in Richmond, Virginia, on November 27, 1914, Ridenour was the son of John Lawson Ridenour, Jr., an accountant from Richmond, and Elizabeth Carroll, a saleswoman from Cartersville, Georgia. One of three children, he attended Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond and was graduated from the University of Richmond with a B.A. degree in 1939. Ridenour served in the United States Navy during World War II, 1940-1946. In addition, he attained the rank of lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve. Ridenour earned an LL.B. degree at the University of Richmond in 1948 and also studied accounting and tax law at the above institution. Ridenour practiced law in Virginia before moving to North Carolina around 1957. From 1957 to 1964 he served as senior trial attorney in the chief counsel's office of the Internal Revenue Service in Greensboro. After resigning this post Ridenour served during the next year as a partner in the law firm of Hoyle, Boone, Dees & Johnson in Greensboro before he formed his own general practice in 1965. Later Ridenour served as senior partner in the firm of Ridenour and Vagg; he specialized in tax law. Ridenour died as a result of heart trouble in Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro on September 19, 1973. Professional associations: Virginia State, North Carolina, Greensboro, and American bar associations. House committees: Banks and Banking, Constitutional Amendments, Courts and Judicial Districts, Finance, Judiciary, Library, Public Welfare. Memberships: Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Greensboro Kiwanis Club, and the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity. Presbyterian. Spouse: Margaret Wellford Puller, Richmond, Virginia, April 21, 1941. Children: Margaret Wellford and Mary Elizabeth.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
Questionnaire, Margaret P. Ridenhour, wife, August, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Greensboro Daily News, September 21, 1973.

RIDINGS, CLARENCE OSBORNE (1892-1973)

House, General Assembly of 1921; Democrat, Polk County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Thirty-third District, Rutherford County.

One of six children of James Isaac Ridings, a farmer from North Carolina, and Cora Gertrude Tanner of Rutherfordton, Ridings was born on November 9, 1892, in Green Creek Township, Polk County. Of Irish ancestry, he was graduated from Fruitland Institute, Hendersonville, in 1916. As an early occupation he taught at Green River Graded School, 1917-1918. Ridings served in the United States Army as a private first class from May 5, 1918, to July 18, 1919. After his military service he was enrolled at the Wake Forest College School of Law. Ridings completed law school in 1921 and was admitted to the State Bar in 1922. While serving in the House in 1921 he resided in Fingerville, South Carolina, and was employed as a merchant. Ridings practiced law from 1922 until his retirement in 1968. He operated a private practice under the name of Clarence O. Ridings in Forest City and specialized in criminal law. He also served as an attorney for the Rutherford County Electric Membership Corporation. Ridings had the distinction in 1921 of serving with Lillian Exum Clement, a representative from Buncombe County, who was the first woman elected to the North Carolina General Assembly and the first woman in the South elected to the House of Representatives. Ridings died in Asheville on January 25, 1973. Professional organizations: Rutherford County, 29th Judicial District, and the 18th Judicial District (president) bar associations. Senate committees: Agriculture; Constitution; Counties, Cities and Towns; Finance; Judiciary; Local Government; Public Welfare; Veterans and Military Affairs, Wildlife. County positions: attorney, Rutherford County, 1932-1933; and district solicitor, 18th Solicitorial District, 1934-1958. Municipal positions: town attorney, Forest City, 1945-1946. Political activities: member, State Democratic Executive Committee; and chairman, Rutherford County Democratic Executive Committee, 1928-1930. Memberships: Mason; American Legion; and Rutherford County Wildlife Club, president. Baptist: teacher, Men's Bible Class, twenty-seven years. Spouse: Elizabeth Maude Carswell, Burke County, April 30, 1925. Children: Helen (Mrs. O. R. McKinney), Greensboro.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1921; 1965.

Questionnaire, Helen Ridings McKinney, daughter, September, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

The Shelby Daily Star, January 26, 1973.

The Session Laws of N. C., 1973-Resolutions.

RITCH, MARVIN LEE (1889-1971)

House, General Assemblies of 1939, 1943, and 1965-66; Democrat, Mecklenburg County.'

Born in Vance Township, Union County, on March 7, 1889, Ritch was the son of William Capers Ritch and Martha Jane Lee. He attended Charlotte High School and the University of North Carolina for three years. While at U.N.C. Ritch developed and outlined "Extension" of educational services at the school in 1910. He played football and founded the first basketball team--serving as captain, manager, and coach of the first team in 1911. In addition, Ritch attended the Georgetown University Law School, where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1914. He also played football at the above institution and was named "All South Atlantic Center" in 1912. At the same time he was receiving his legal education, Ritch worked as a clerk under Judge E. Y. Webb and served as personal clerk to John Hollis Bankhead, United States Senator from Alabama. Ritch practiced law in Charlotte from July 1, 1914, to 1971, and some years before his death he was the oldest practicing member of the Mecklenburg County Bar Association. In addition, as an athletic administrator he founded football at the old Charlotte High School, coached the U.N.C. football team in 1918, and coached the Charlotte Clippers (a semi pro football team) in the early 1940s. Ritch took an active part in promoting the growth of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. He died in Charlotte on June 7, 1971, and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery. House committees: (chairman) Justices of the Peace; (vice-chairman) Justices of the Peace. Municipal positions: city attorney, Charlotte, 1915-1917. Boards: U.N.C. Board of Trustees, 1943-1945. Methodist: official board; and president, Men's Bible Class. Memberships, Mason and Shriner. First spouse: Hazeline Morris Robinson (deceased) Charlotte, June 10, 1914. Second spouse: Lois Wilson, Dallas, Gaston County. Children: Mrs. Walter Hubert Brown, Charlotte; Mrs. Paul A. Brantley, Charlotte; and Mrs. C. Dwight Hilton, Atlanta. Relatives in General Assembly: William Groves Morris, second wife's grandfather (Gaston-House-1876-77).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1939; 1943; 1965.
 Updated sketch, Mrs. Marvin L. Ritch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The Charlotte Observer, June 9, 1971.



ROBERSON, PAUL DAWSON (1911-)

House, General Assemblies of *1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, Martin County.

*Governor Sanford appointed Roberson on January 28, 1963, to replace Elbert S. Peel, Jr., who had resigned before taking office.

One of four children, Roberson was born on May 5, 1911, in Robersonville and was the son of Orlando Phenias Roberson and Susan Caroline Jenkins of Robersonville. His father operated an agricultural business in that Martin County town. Roberson was graduated from Robersonville High School in 1928 and was enrolled at Duke University, where he earned an A.B. degree in 1932 as well as an M.A. degree in political science in 1935. One year later Roberson completed the necessary requirements to obtain an LL.B. degree from the Duke University School of Law. He immediately began a law practice in his hometown, but his practice was interrupted by his participation in the military service during World War II. Roberson served in the United States Army from May, 1943, to January, 1945. After the war he continued a private law practice in Robersonville under the name of Paul D. Roberson, Attorney and Counselor at Law. As a parallel career Roberson was engaged in insurance management and sales; he served as president of Mutual Tobacco Barn Fire Insurance Association. Roberson also was involved in the banking business; he served on the board of managers of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company in Robersonville and held the positions of director and attorney for Peoples Savings & Loan Association. Professional organizations: Martin County, 2nd Judicial District, and North Carolina bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Justices of the Peace; (vice-chairman) Insurance. County positions: judge and solicitor, Martin County Records Court; Beaufort, Hyde, Martin Regional Library Association, director; and the Martin-Beaufort, Washington-Hyde Duke Association, president. Municipal positions: attorney, Robersonville. Memberships: Chamber of Commerce, director and secretary; Robersonville PTA, president; Robersonville Jaycees, director; Robersonville Rotary Club, president; Mason, master. Methodist: chairman, board of stewards; and Sunday School superintendent. Spouse: Mary Drusilla Elium, East Spencer, Rowan County, October 21, 1939. Children: Mary Drew Roberson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1965.
 Questionnaire, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

ROBERSON, WILLIAM RILEY, JR. (1918-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Democrat, Second District, Beaufort County.

Born in Washington, Beaufort County, on June 5, 1918, Roberson was the son of William Riley Roberson, a marketer from Beaufort County, and Rosa Watson, a secretary from Pamlico County. He was graduated from Washington High School in 1938, attended Davidson College, 1935-1936, and was enrolled at the Maryland School of Accounting, 1936-1938. After college Roberson began working in his family-owned soft drink business in Washington. Since 1946 he has served as chairman, treasurer, and chief executive officer of Roberson's Beverages, Inc. In addition, Roberson is engaged in a radio and television broadcasting career. Roberson serves as chairman and treasurer of WITN AM-FM Radio and chairman and chief executive officer of WITN-TV in Washington. Aside from the above occupations, Roberson held the position of chairman of Smallwood, Inc., a local real estate development firm, and served as chairman of Washington Shopping Center, Inc., a firm which is developing the regional Washington Square Mall Shopping Center. Professional organizations: North Carolina Bottlers Association, first vice-president; North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, president; International Radio and Television Society; "Broadcast Pioneers"; and the NBC-TV Board of Delegates. House committees: (chairman) Conservation and Development; (vice-chairman) Water and Air Resources, Finance, Education. State organizations: Commission to Study Cause and Control of Cancer in North Carolina, vice-chairman. County positions: Beaufort County Rivers and Ports Commission, chairman. Boards: North Carolina National Bank, Washington; and the Dr. Pepper Company, Dallas, Texas. Memberships: Mason, master. Presbyterian: deacon; and elder. Spouse: Frances Morgan, Washington, May 25, 1940. Children: Mrs. Charles Zophar Potts; and William R. III.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1973.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.



ROBINSON, SANKEY WRIGHT (1924-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1969; Democrat, Fifteenth District, Columbus County.

The son of Jimsey L. Robinson and Mary Ann Britt, Robinson was born in Columbus County on November 28, 1924. He was graduated in 1941 from Evergreen High School and received a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1948. Robinson earned a law degree from Wake Forest and was admitted to the State Bar in 1951. He presently operates a private law practice under the name of Sankey W. Robinson in Whiteville. Professional organizations: Columbus County (president, 1974), Thirteenth Judicial District (president, 1969-1970), North Carolina, and American bar associations; American Judicature Society; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Public Roads. County positions: judge, Columbus County Recorder's Court, 1954-1958. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; and Lions Club, president and district governor, 1962. Baptist: Board of Deacons; Board of Trustees; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Elizabeth Hicks Wiseman, August 9, 1947. Children: Mary Elizabeth Robinson, born October 6, 1953.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

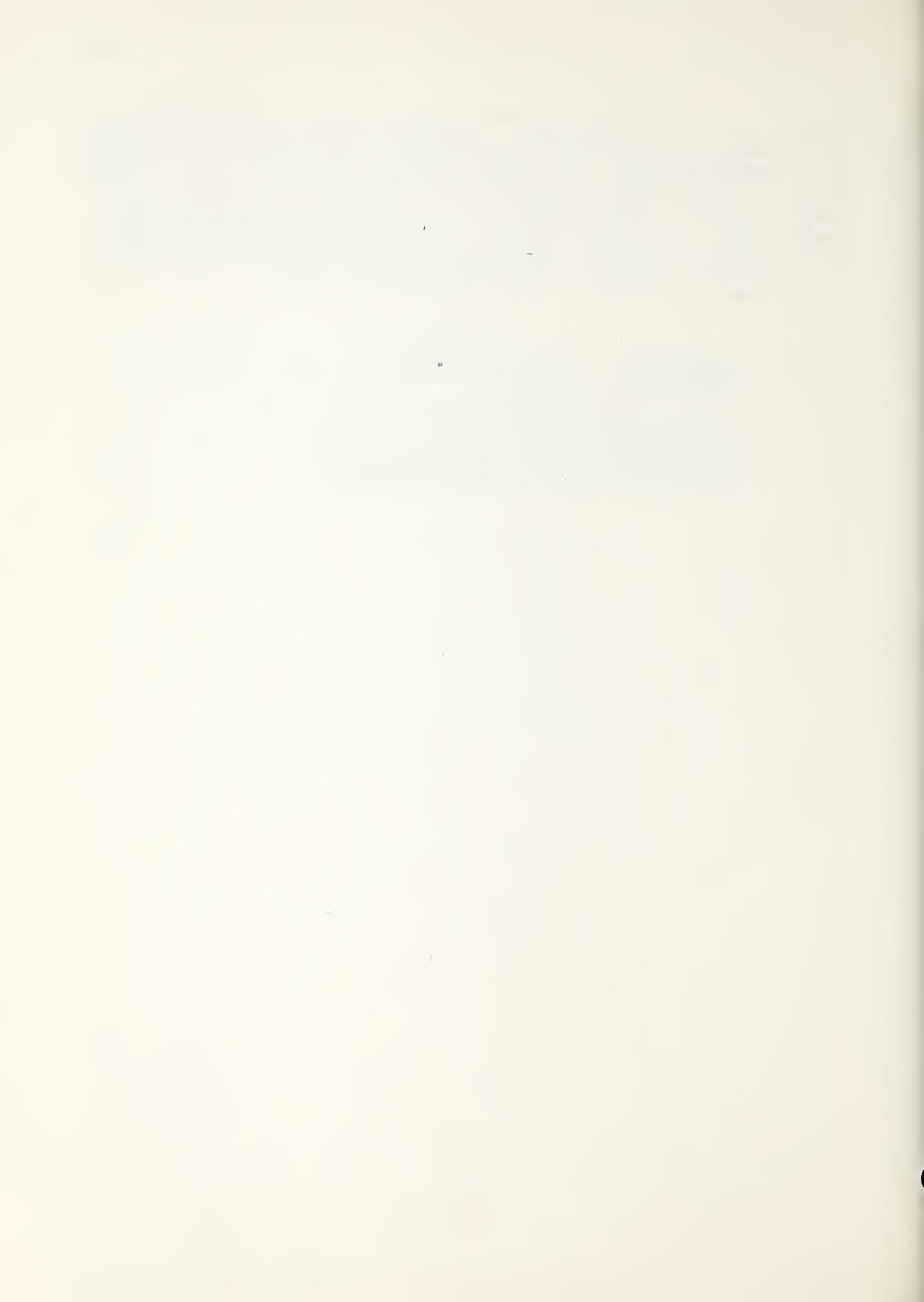
RODENBOUGH, GRACE TAYLOR (1896-1967)
 (MRS. STANLEY LEIGH RODENBOUGH, JR.)

House, General Assemblies of 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Stokes County.

The daughter of James Spotswood Taylor, a farmer from Danbury, Stokes County, and Nellie Pemberton Moon, of Emporia, Kansas, Grace Pemberton Taylor was born in Danbury, on October 5, 1896. She attended Guilford College Preparatory School, 1912-1914, and earned an A.B. degree from Guilford College in 1917. Rodenbough obtained an M.A. degree in education in 1952 from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She taught high school in Winston-Salem, Leaksville, and Walnut Cove as well as elementary school in Danbury. In addition, Rodenbough taught history at Salem College in Winston-Salem. Rodenbough served from 1948 to 1960 as supervisor of instruction, Stokes County Board of Education. She also worked as an agent for a 3,500-acre ancestral estate and managed her farm of several hundred acres. During World War II Rodenbough had served as chairman of Stokes County War Savings Bonds, 1943-1945. While in the General Assembly she supported public education, promoted women's rights, and was active in preserving the history of North Carolina. Rodenbough had restored and resided in a ten-room homestead known as "Covington", which was built by Col. Matthew Covington about 1820. The home was located seven miles from Walnut Cove on the Danbury Road. She had been the only woman at that time to represent Stokes County in the General Assembly and had held office longer than any legislator in the history of the county. Rodenbough died at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem on January 8, 1967. Death was caused by the effects of emphysema and pneumonia. Professional organizations: National and North Carolina (secretary, Stokes County Unit, 1938-1939 and president, 1939-1940) educational associations; association of Supervision, Curriculum and Development; Stokes County School Masters Club; Daughter of the American Revolution; United Daughters of the Confederacy; North Carolina Literary and Historical Association; North Carolina Society For the Preservation of Antiquities; and the American Association of University Women. House committees: (chairman) Library, Teachers and State Employees Retirement, Trustees of the University; (vice-chairman) Health, Higher Education, Library, Finance, Public Welfare, Agriculture, Education. State organizations: North Carolina Commission to Study Cause and Cure of Cancer; Commission For the Study of State Supported Institutions of Higher Learning (appointed by Governor Umstead, 1953); and the Status on Women in Government, chairman. Boards: (trustee), University of North Carolina, 1943-1967 (serving third eight-year term at time of death); (governor) Governors School, Winston-Salem; (trustee) Northwestern Regional Library; and (director) Carolinas United. Political activities: president, Stokes County Young Democrats, 1936-1937; vice-president, North Carolina Young Democrats, 1938-1939; and delegate, National Democratic Convention, 1956. Memberships: Delta Kappa Gamma (national teachers' honor society) Hanging Rock Park Foundation, Inc., president; and the American Red Cross

(Stokes County, president, 1942-1943; executive director, 1945-1946; and field representative, 1946-1947). Awards and honors: (listed in) Who's Who of American Women. Presbyterian, Sunday School teacher. First spouse: Rex Exum Stewart, November 12, 1929, divorced November 24, 1936. Second spouse: Stanley Leigh Rodenbough, Jr., (deceased) Northampton, Pennsylvania, industrial manager, August 4, 1947. Children: (stepchildren) Stanley Leigh III and Charles Dyson, Madison, Rockingham County. Relatives in General Assembly: Edwin Madison Taylor, brother (Stokes-House-1941); Joseph John Taylor, brother (Stokes-House-1947).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1941; 1947; 1953-1965.
Questionnaire, Charles D. Rodenbough, stepson, January, 1979.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), January 9, 1967.
Winston-Salem Journal, January 9, 1967.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1967-Resolutions.
Who's Who of American Women, 1964-1965.



ROGERS, BOBBY WAYNE (1934-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Sixteenth District (1971) and the Thirteenth District (1973-1976), Vance County.

The son of Hartwell Biscoe Rogers, a state highway employee from Henderson, and Rena N. Gentry of Durham, Rogers was born on June 19, 1934, in Henderson. One of four children, he was graduated from Henderson High School in 1952 and upon graduation served in the United States Navy until 1955. Rogers received a B.S. degree in civil engineering from North Carolina State College in 1959 and earned an LL.B. degree from George Washington University in 1963. As an early career he had worked in the engineering field. Since his admittance to the North Carolina State Bar in 1963, Rogers has practiced law in Henderson. Currently he operates a private practice under the name of Bobby W. Rogers. Professional organizations: North Carolina Bar Association; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. House committees: (chairman) Judiciary, Corporations; (vice-chairman) Mental Health, Courts and Judicial Districts. County positions: prosecuting attorney, Vance County Recorders Court; and assistant solicitor, Vance County Superior Court, 1964-1968. Political activities: chairman, Vance County Democratic Executive Committee, 1967-1968. Memberships: Elks; and Moose. Episcopalian. Spouse: Nancy Bell, Vance County, child care, April 28, 1960. Children: Samuel J.; Rena E.; Michael F.; and Matthew H. W.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-1975.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

ROSE, CHARLES GRANDISON, JR. (1912-)

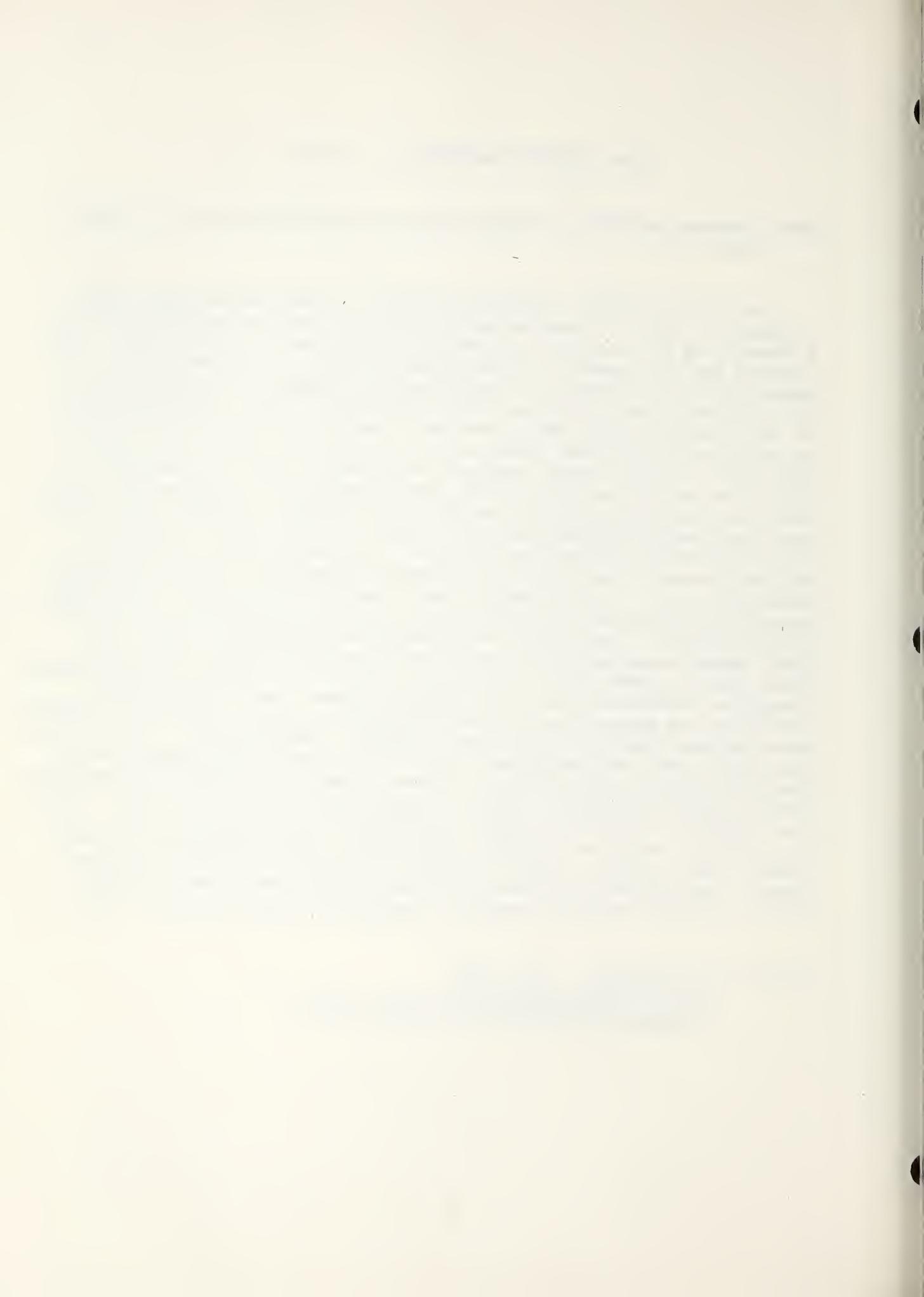
House, General Assembly of 1969; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Cumberland County.

One of two children, Charles G. Rose, Jr., was born in Fayetteville on August 1, 1912. He was the son of Charles Grandison Rose (1880-1948), a lawyer from Fayetteville, and Irene Lacy (deceased June 26, 1934). Rose attended the city schools of Fayetteville, 1918-1929, and obtained an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1933. He was enrolled at the U.N.C. Law School from 1933 to 1935 and was admitted to the State Bar during the latter year. During World War II Rose served in the United States Naval Reserve as an officer on a destroyer escort, 1944-1945. A Fayetteville attorney, he presently holds the position of senior partner in the firm of Rose, Thorp, Rand & Ray. Professional organizations: Cumberland County (president, 1961-1962), Twelfth Judicial District (president, 1964-1965 and 1967-1968), and North Carolina (board of governors, 1968-1972) bar associations. House committees: Conservation and Development, Constitutional Amendments, Education, Finance, Insurance, Judiciary, Roads. State organizations: North Carolina State School Board Association, director, 1954-1955; and State Board of Education, 1955-1965. County positions: solicitor, Cumberland County Recorder's Court, 1938-1940; judge, Cumberland County Recorder's Court, 1940-1942; Cumberland County Board of Education, 1950-1951; and chairman, Cumberland County United Forces For Education, 1954. Municipal positions: mayor, Fayetteville, 1947-1949; and member, board of education, Fayetteville, 1955-1956. Trustee: Saint Andrews Presbyterian College, 1955-1969. Memberships: Kiwanis Club, president, 1940-1941; and Fayetteville Junior Chamber of Commerce, president, 1942-1943. Presbyterian: chairman, Board of Deacons; superintendent, Sunday School; and elder. Spouse: Frances Duckworth, May 8, 1937. Children: Charles G. III (born 1939); Irene Lacy Owen (born 1942); and W. Fred (born 1950). Relatives in General Assembly: George McNeill Rose, grandfather (Cumberland-House-1876-77, 1881, 1883-Speaker); Charles Grandison Rose, father (Cumberland-House-1911; Senate-1945). Relatives in federal office: Charles Grandison Rose III, son (United States Congress, 1973-).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1945; 1969.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.



ROUNTREE, GEORGE III (1933-)

House, General Assembly of 1971; Republican, Fifth District, New Hanover County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Fourth District, New Hanover County.

The son of George Rountree, Jr., and Helen Johnson, Rountree was born in Wilmington on August 10, 1933. He attended North Phoenix High School, Phoenix, Arizona, 1947-1949, and West Phoenix High School, 1949-1951. In 1955 he obtained an A.B. degree in liberal arts from the University of Arizona. While in college Rountree served as president of the sophomore and senior classes; played varsity basketball, 1952-1955; served as cadet colonel, Army R.O.T.C., 1954-1955; and was listed in Who's Who in Colleges and Universities, 1955. Rountree earned an LL.B. degree from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1960. He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1955 to 1963 and was discharged honorably as a captain. Rountree had served his active duty at Fort Knox, Kentucky, 1955-1957. He was admitted to the Arizona State Bar in 1960, the North Carolina State Bar in 1962, and the United States Customs Court in 1969. Rountree serves as a partner in the law firm of Rountree and Newton, which specializes in maritime and admiralty law in Wilmington. Professional organizations: New Hanover (president, 1970-1971) and North Carolina bar associations; American Trial Lawyers Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute director, 1975- ; and associate editor, American Maritime Cases, 1969- . Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Wildlife; House committees: Commercial Fisheries & Oyster Industry, Corporations, Judiciary, State Government, Water and Air Resources. Memberships: Sertoma Club, Wilmington, chapter president, 1967-1969, and chairman, board of directors, 1960-1970; Cape Fear Sportsmen's Club, organizer and president; and Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity. Episcopalian. First spouse: Judy Kay Burrell, February 28, 1964. Second spouse: Sylvia H. Herring, May 19, 1976. Children: George IV; and Sarah Elizabeth. Relatives in General Assembly: George Rountree, grandfather (New Hanover-House-1899-1900, 1901).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-1973.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

ROUNTREE, HERBERT HORTON (1921-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and *1977-78; Democrat, Eighth District, Pitt County. *Speaker pro tem.

Born in Farmville on May 5, 1921, Rountree was the son of Charles Stanley Rountree of Pitt County and Madeline V. Horton of Farmville. His father was engaged in utilities management while his mother worked as a secretary. Rountree attended Farmville High School, 1934-1938, and Darlington Prep School, 1938-1939. He received an A.B. degree in 1943 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Rountree served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1946 in the Pacific Theatre and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. After the service he entered the University of North Carolina Law School and obtained an LL.B. degree in 1950. At the age of twenty-nine he began a law practice in Greenville and currently operates a private practice there. Rountree was instrumental in changing East Carolina College to East Carolina University and in implementing a four-year medical school at this institution. Professional organizations: Pitt County and Fifth Judicial District bar associations; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. House committees: (chairman) Congressional Redistricting, Appropriations, Base Budget; (vice-chairman) Higher Education, Professional Law Enforcement Personnel and Practice, Public Utilities, University Trustees. State organizations: Governor's Industrial Financing Study Group, 1961-1962; North Carolina Judicial Council, 1961-1962; Loan Committee, State Employees' Credit Union, 1958-1962; State Courts Commission; Governor's Advisory Committee on Law and Order; Legislative Research Commission Subcommittee to Study the Shortage of Rural Doctors and General Health Affairs; Governor's Task Force Committee on Apprehension and Suppression; Legislative Services Commission; Commission on Sentencing, Criminal Punishment, and Rehabilitation; Health Manpower Study Commission, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations; Advisory Budget Commission; and the Coastal Plains Mental Health Association, Executive Committee. State positions: assistant attorney general, North Carolina, 1959-1962. County positions: solicitor, Pitt County Recorder's Court, 1951-1953. Municipal positions: commissioner, Farmville, 1955-1957. Trustee, East Carolina University. Memberships: Mason, master; Veterans of Foreign Wars, commander; Moose, governor; and Elks, exalted ruler. Awards: Distinguished Service Award, Jaycees, 1953; and Outstanding Citizen Award, Greenville, 1972. Episcopalian: vestryman; Sunday School teacher; and lay reader. Spouse: Helen Elizabeth Lotz, Montgomery County, Ohio, secretary, 1946. Children: Kathryn Rountree Cameron; Mary Helen; Dorene; and Charles S. III. Relatives in General Assembly: McDonald Horton, great uncle (Pitt-House-1925). Relatives in state elective office: J. Loyd Horton, uncle (judge, Superior Court, Fifth District, 1920-1925).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

ROWE, ROY (1905-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1937, 1941, 1945, 1949, 1957, and 1965-66; Democrat, Ninth District 1937-1942 ; 1945-1950; 1957) and the Tenth District (1965-1966), Pender County. Principal clerk (1969-1976).

House, General Assembly of 1943; Democrat, Pender County.

Born in Burgaw on May 29, 1905, Rowe was the son of Nicholas Henry Rowe, a farmer from Pender County, and Mary Belle King, a farmer from Duplin County. He attended Carolina Industrial School in Pender County from 1911-1920. For the next three years Rowe was enrolled at Vanceboro Farm Life School. He attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, periodically between 1923 and 1931 and studied at Theatre Manager School in New York City in 1931. Rowe was employed as a farmer, theatre and motel owner and manager, real estate dealer, and insurance salesman in eastern North Carolina. He owned and operated Rowe Amusement Co. in Burgaw. Rowe served in the North Carolina Wing of the Civil Air Patrol from 1943 to 1948 and attained the rank of major. Professional organizations: Theatre Owners of North and South Carolina, president, 1934-1944; and the Carolina Aero Club president, 1942-1944. Senate committees: (chairman) Local Government, Public Health, Labor, Calendar. State positions: chairman, North Carolina Aeronautics Commission, 1943-1949; president, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, 1964; and chairman, North Carolina Governor's Council on Aging. County organizations, Pender County Board of Education. Publications: columnist, Legislative News; and treatise on aging, U.N.C. library. Memberships: Burgaw Club, president; and Mason. Unitarian. Spouse: Nina Lavinia Worsley, Pitt County, banker, February 22, 1929. Children: Tonia Rowe Bryan; and Roy, Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1937; 1941-49; 1957; 1965; 1975.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

ROYALL, KENNETH CLAIBORNE, JR. (1918-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Eighteenth District, Durham County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirteenth District, Durham County.

Born in Warsaw, Duplin County, on September 2, 1918, Royall was the son of Kenneth Claiborne Royall (1894-1971), a lawyer from Goldsboro, and Margaret Pierce Best. He attended Goldsboro High School, 1932-1934, as well as Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia, 1934-1936. Royall earned an A.B. degree in 1940 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and studied law at the University of Virginia and Wake Forest College. His legal education was interrupted by his participation in World War II. Royall served in the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of major. While in the service he received the Bronze Star with Combat V for his actions as a platoon leader in the South Pacific. Royall owns Style Craft Interiors, a retail furniture store with locations in Durham and Raleigh. Professional organizations: Southern Retail Furniture Association; and the North Carolina Merchants Association, director. House committees: (chairman) Subcommittee on Health, Welfare, and Institutional Care, Appropriations; (vice-chairman) Health, Manufacturers and Labor, Roads. Senate committees: (chairman) Health, Human Resources, Ways and Means; (vice-chairman) Mental Health, Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources and Corrections Group. State organizations: Legislative Research Commission; Advisory Budget Commission, 1971-1972; North Carolina Legislative Building Governing Commission, 1971-1972; Executive Residence Building Commission, 1972; Mental Health Study Commission, chairman, 1973-1974; Legislative Services Commission, 1973-1975; Courts Commission, 1971-1974; Governmental Expenditures Study Commission, vice-chairman, 1974; Council of State Governments, Steering Committee and Fiscal Affairs and Government Operations Committee; Citizens Advisory Council, UNC-CH Center For Alcoholic Studies, 1974-1975; and the North Carolina Board of Higher Education, 1971 and 1972. County organizations: Durham County Board of Education, 1957-1966 (chairman, 1959-1966). Memberships: National Conference For State Legislative Leaders, Advisory Council, 1972; National Society of Legislators, Board of Governors, 1972; Rotary Club; Elks Club; Durham Chamber of Commerce, director, 1962-1972 (vice-president, 1972); and the Durham Merchants Association, president, 1959. Episcopalian: senior warden, 1964; and vestryman, three terms. Spouse: Julia Bryan Zollicoffer, February 10, 1945. Children: Kenneth C. III; Jere Zollicoffer; and Julia Bryan. Relatives in General Assembly: Kenneth Claiborne Royall, father (Wayne-Senate-1927). Relatives in federal office: Kenneth Claiborne Royall (United States Secretary of War, 1947; and Secretary of the Army).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1927; 1967-1977.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1971-Resolutions.

ROYSTER, FRED STOVALL (1908-1972)

House, General Assemblies of 1945, 1947, 1949, and 1951; Democrat, Vance County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1953 and 1965-66; Democrat, Third District (1953) and the Thirteenth District (1965-1966), Vance County.

Royster was born in the community of Dabney in the western part of Vance County on December 31, 1908. He was the son of John Stovall Royster (a farmer, merchant, and sheriff of Vance County) from Bullock, Granville County, and Alvada Green of the same community. Royster attended the public schools of Dabney and was graduated from Henderson High School in 1924. His family had moved into Henderson around 1922 but had retained ownership of its four hundred-acre farm. Royster attended Duke University in 1926 but was forced to drop out when hail had damaged the family tobacco crop; he took a position in a Henderson tobacco warehouse. He farmed and was employed in tobacco warehouses (Young and Daniel) between 1927 and 1937. Royster acquired an interest in that business in 1938 and operated various warehouses until 1957. In addition, he was engaged as a fertilizer salesman with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation from 1937 to 1957. Around 1943 Royster, along with other flue-cured auction warehousemen, had become interested in organizing a trade organization to regulate and oversee the marketing of tobacco. As a result of that sentiment the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Inc., had been formed in 1945, at which time he became full-time director and served in that capacity until his death. From 1954 to 1972 the office of the Bright Leaf Warehouse Association, Inc., was located in the Carolina Warehouse in Henderson. The association developed into the most influential warehouse organization in the United States. It encompassed the majority of the auction warehouses that sold flue-cured, bright tobacco in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Royster supported flue-cured acreage-poundage control and price supports as well as advocated strong cooperation among farmers, warehousemen and buyers, the United States Stabilization Cooperation, and the United States Department of Agriculture. During his time as head of the association Royster emerged as one of the strongest supporters of the tobacco industry. His contributions to the industry were not confined to the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Inc., but covered the entire field of tobacco programs--its operation and defense. Due to his many accomplishments he deservedly was known widely as "Mr. Tobacco". While serving in the General Assembly Royster not only supported tobacco legislation but also favored increased appropriations for schools and roads. Royster died at Duke Hospital in Durham on June 3, 1972, due to complications brought on by diabetes. Professional organizations: Henderson Tobacco Board of Trade, president, 1940-1945; North Carolina Tobacco Advisory Council, 1945-1972; Tobacco Tax Council (director, vice-president, president, chairman of the board), 1949-1972; Council for Tobacco Research, 1954-1972; Tobacco Growers Information Committee, 1958-1972; Committee of Growers of United States Tobacco, chairman, 1965-1972; Tobacco Associates, Inc., director, 1947-; National Tobacco Industry Advisory Committee, United States Department of Agriculture, 1962-; and the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization

Corporation, director, 1946-1972. House committees: (chairman) Roads, Agriculture, Health; (vice-chairman) Appropriations. Senate committees: (chairman) Education, Agriculture; (vice-chairman) Election Laws and Legislative Representation. Federal organizations: Board of Governors and Administrative Committee, National Highway Users Conference. State organizations: North Carolina Farm Bureau, director, 1948-1953; North Carolina State Grange; North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, director, 1945-1951; North Carolina Personnel Council, chairman, 1949-1972; and the North Carolina Merit System Council, chairman, 1957-1972. County organizations: Vance County Board of Elections, chairman, 1934-1936. Director, Henderson Savings and Loan Association, 1938-1972. Trustee, Maria Parham Hospital, Henderson, 1947-1972. Educational activities: North Carolina State University Foundation, director, 1964-1968, 1970-1972 and vice-president, 1971-1972; Duke University Two Hundred Club, 1951-1972; Royster-Parker Scholarship Fund (High Point College, Meredith College, and Vance-Granville Technical Institute). Memberships: Mason; Elks; Rotary; Lions, president; Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce, director, 1940-1948; and Executive Club of Henderson. Awards and honors: "Certificate of Appreciation", North Carolina Highway Users Conference, 1958; "Tar Heel of the Week", The News and Observer (Raleigh), February 21, 1960; Service Certificate, Board of Directors, North Carolina Savings and Loan, 1962; "Profile", Southern Tobacco Journal, September, 1971; "Man of the Year" Tobacco International Magazine, December, 1971; and "Service Award", State Personnel Board, 1972. Political activities: State Democratic Executive Committee (three terms); unsuccessful candidate for Speaker of the House, 1951; and prominently mentioned for appointment to United States Senate. Methodist: chairman, board of stewards; board of trustees; chairman, Committee of Finance; Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations; and teacher, Mens Bible Class. Spouse: Launah Parker, Mooresville, Iredell County, January 4, 1942 (in Henderson). Relatives in General Assembly: Beverly S. Royster (Granville-House-1907-08); and Thomas Sampson Royster (Granville-House-1935, 1937).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1945-1953; 1965.
 Updated sketch, Mrs. Fred S. Royster, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), December 17, 1950; February 21, 1960; June 4, 1972.
North Carolina Session Laws, 1973-Resolutions.

SANDLIN, HUGH COX (1914-)

House, General Assembly of 1975-76; Democrat, Fourth District, Onslow County.

Sandlin was born in Jacksonville on February 26, 1914; he was the son of Henry A. Sandlin, a farmer and merchant from Jacksonville, and Lyde Mills, a teacher from Richlands, Onslow County. One of five children, Sandlin was graduated from Dixon High School, Jacksonville, in 1931. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of technical sergeant. Sandlin studied at the Ministry of Agriculture, London, England, 1942; University of Paris, Paris, France, 1943; and the Metal School, Petersburg, Virginia, 1968. As an early occupation he worked as an administrator in the Disposal Section at Camp LeJeune where he described, disposed, and sold excess and surplus property. Sandlin currently is involved in several occupations including farming, mobile home rentals, retail furniture sales, and real estate. House committees: Appropriations, Wildlife, Insurance, Personnel, Manufacturing and Labor, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry. County organizations, Onslow County School Committee. Memberships: Cape Fear Lung Association; Lions Club, president; United Fund Board; Red Cross; and Farm Bureau. Methodist: treasurer; secretary; and trustee. Spouse: Juanita S. Morris, Forsyth County, secretary, January 7, 1948. Children: Hugh S., Jr.; and John M. Relatives in General Assembly: Edward White Summersill, Sr., (born 1878), cousin (Onslow-House-1919); Edward White Summersill, Jr. (born 1902), cousin (Onslow-Senate-1933, 1935, 1955-56); Retus Nobe Summersill, cousin (Onslow-House-1937).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1919; 1933-1937; 1955; 1975.
Questionnaire, September, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SAPP, C. ODELL (1907-1977)

Senate, General Assembly of 1969; Republican, Twenty-third District, Rowan County.

The son of Henry O. Sapp, a lawyer, and Eva Pickens Lindsay, Sapp was born in Winston-Salem on November 1, 1907. He was graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School in 1924 and was enrolled at the University of North Carolina that same year. By 1930 Sapp earned an LL.B. degree from the U.N.C. Law School. While at U.N.C. Sapp was an all-Southern end on the varsity football team and was all-Southern **light** heavyweight boxing champion. After receiving his legal degree Sapp remained at U.N.C. for several years, serving as assistant football coach, freshman baseball coach, and boxing coach. In 1935 he returned to Winston-Salem, where he entered law practice with his father. Sapp moved to Salisbury in 1941 and was employed by the Raney-Miller Motor Company. A year later he entered the United States Navy as a lieutenant junior grade. Sapp served in the Pacific Theatre for thirteen months and was discharged in 1945 after attaining the rank of lieutenant commander. After the war Sapp returned to Salisbury and became president of Raney-Miller Motor Company. Following the sale of his automobile business in 1966, Sapp began a law practice in Salisbury. In 1970 he was elected North Carolina district court judge, 19th Judicial District, and served a four-year term. Sapp died on April 15, 1977, and was buried at the City Memorial Park in Salisbury. Professional organizations: North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, president, 1959-1960; Salisbury-Rowan New Car Dealers Association; and Rowan County, American, and North Carolina bar associations. Senate committees: Appropriations, Banking, Conservation and Development, Constitution, Courts and Judicial Districts, Judiciary, University Trustees. Federal organizations: United States Middle District, commissioner. State organizations: North Carolina Criminal Code Revision Committee; and the University of North Carolina General Alumni Association, director. County organizations: judge, Rowan County Court, 1967-1968; and the Rowan County A.B.C. Board. Municipal organizations: Salisbury Recreation Commission; and the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce, president. Boards: Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Salisbury Branch; and Rowan Technical Institute. Awards: Industrial Man of Year, Salisbury, 1957; Man of Year, Salisbury, 1965; and the Benjamin Franklin Quality Dealer Award, 1966. Memberships: Salisbury Rotary Club, president; Salisbury United Fund, president; Salisbury Community Chest, president; Carolinas United Community Services, director; and Salisbury-Rowan Y.M.C.A., organizer and president. Lutheran: church council; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Mary Garnelle Raney, April 27, 1940. Children: Odel Lindsay, San Diego, California; and Mrs. Garnelle G. Walker, Burlington.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.

Updated sketch, Mrs. C. Odell Sapp, March, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

The Salisbury Evening Post, April 16, 1977.

SAUNDERS, WILLIAM PRESTON (1897-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963, 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Democrat, Twelfth District (1963), Nineteenth District (1969-1972), and the Sixteenth District (1973-1974), Moore County.

Born in Dallas, Gaston County, on October 28, 1897, Saunders was the son of Thomas Lee Saunders, a textile manufacturer, and Mary Elizabeth Gaston of Stanley, Gaston County. He attended Plumtree Academy, Plumtree, Avery County, in 1914 and was graduated from high school in Morganton. Saunders was enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he played varsity baseball and served as a private in the Student Army Training Corps. He was engaged in the textile manufacturing business for more than thirty years. Saunders was employed at Cannon Mills in Kannapolis and Gem Yarn Mills in Kings Mountain. In 1931 he became manager of Pinehurst Silk Mills at Hemp (later Robbins). Subsequently, Saunders was promoted to president and chairman of Robbins Mills, Inc., which had branches in Aberdeen, Raeford, Red Springs, Robbins, Rocky Mount, and Clarksville, Virginia. In addition, Saunders served as president of the Robbins Building and Loan Association and served on the board of directors of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines (later merged with First Union National Bank). During his service as director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, one of his most noteworthy accomplishments was persuading Governor Hodges to proceed with a program to establish the Research Triangle Park. Also, Saunders was instrumental in bringing about the consolidation of high schools in Moore County and establishing the first community college in North Carolina. Senate committees: (chairman) Public Utilities, Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; (vice-chairman) Appropriations, Conservation and Development. State positions: (appointed by every governor from J.C.B. Eringhaus through Dan K. Moore) State Stream and Sanitation Department; State Banking Commission; and director (effective December 15, 1955), North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development (board member and acting director under Gov. Dan K. Moore). County organizations: Moore County Board of Education; Moore County Board of Health; Moore Memorial Hospital, trustee, thirty-five years; and Moore County Democratic Party, precinct chairman. Municipal positions: mayor, Robbins, 1935-1950; and member, Robbins School Board. Educational activities: trustee, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Saint Andrews Presbyterian College; and president, Forrest Lackey Education Foundation. Memberships: Southern Pines Elks Club; Sandhills Kiwanis Club; and Shriner. Presbyterian: deacon; and elder. Spouse: Elizabeth Yates Flonk (deceased) Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, October, 1923. Children: Mrs. Ralph W. Barnhart, Raeford; and Mrs. Robert O. Southwell, Kings Mountain.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1963-1965, 1969-1973.
 Questionnaire, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SAWYER, MILBURN ERCELL (1914-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, Currituck County.

The son of Norris Baum Sawyer and Selma Harrison, Sawyer was born at Powells Point on December 3, 1914. He was graduated from Poplar Branch High School in 1934. Sawyer served in the United States Coast Guard as a machinist mate from 1938-1941. He was engaged as a farmer and fertilizer salesman before his retirement in 1977. House committees: (chairman) Public Buildings and Grounds; (vice-chairman) Wildlife Resources. County organizations: Currituck County Commissioners, 1955-1956 and 1961-1962; Currituck County Precinct, chairman; and the Currituck County Planning Board. Memberships: Popular Branch Ruritan Club; and the Lower Currituck Volunteer Fire Department. Disciples. Spouse: Norma Maxine Banks, October 22, 1944. Children: Carol Ann; Brenda Sue; Milburn Brent; and Kathy Arlene.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1965.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SAWYER, THOMAS BENJAMIN (1918-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1951; Democrat, Fourteenth District, Durham County.

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Guilford County.

The son of Pleas Monroe Sawyer (deceased, October 26, 1973), an accountant and lawyer from Graham County, and Edna O'Neal Garland of Mitchell County, Sawyer was born in Tapoco, Graham County, on April 9, 1918. One of four children, he was reared in Durham, attended Greensboro High School, 1933-1935, and was graduated from Duke University with an A.B. degree in 1938. Sawyer served in the United States Army from August, 1941, to January, 1946, and attained the rank of captain. He spent one year in the European Theatre and was injured in combat in the North Africa campaign and returned to the states. Sawyer served as chief, Industrial Services Division, 4th Service Command, in Atlanta. He was recalled to active duty on November 16, 1950, and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the United States Army Reserve. In addition, Sawyer served as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College. Sawyer had obtained an LL.B. degree from the Emory University Law School in 1947 and had attended Duke University Divinity School in 1948. He began a law practice at the age of twenty-nine. In addition, Sawyer was engaged in radio broadcasting; he served as president of Public Information Corporation (Radio Station WSSB in Durham), held the position of general manager of WAYS Radio Station in Charlotte, and worked as sales manager of Radio Station IST in Charlotte. Sawyer currently operates a law practice and teaches real estate in Greensboro. Sawyer ran for the United States Senate in 1978 but was defeated in the Democratic Primary. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Institutions For the Blind and Deaf. House committees: (chairman) Highway Safety; (vice-chairman) Judiciary, Insurance. Political activities: alternate to delegate, State-at-large, Democratic National Convention, 1948. Memberships: Greensboro Chamber of Commerce (honorary life); Greensboro Moose Lodge (life); American Veterans of World War II, state commander, 1949; Disabled American Veterans, state commander, 1959; Mason; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Lions International. Roman Catholic. Spouse: Dorothy Marie Siler, Wake County, teacher, August 25, 1939. Children: Pleas M.; Joseph B.; Thomas B., Jr.; Floy Sawyer Blanton; Wendell H.; Sharon Marie; and Gregory W. Relatives in General Assembly: Pleas Monroe Sawyer, father (Graham-House-1917); Donald Boone Sherrill, brother-in-law (Graham-House-1941).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1951; 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, October, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SAXON, JESSE HERMAN (1907-)

House, General Assembly of 1963; Republican, Mecklenburg County.

J. Herman Saxon was born in Birmingham, Alabama, on September 21, 1907. He was the son of Doderidge Franklin Saxon, a business administrator, and Martha Louise Luker of Clay County, Alabama. In 1925 he was graduated from the State Secondary Agriculture School in Lineville, Alabama. Saxon attended Howard College, Samford University, and studied architecture at Auburn University. After a brief career in accounting he entered the field of business administration. Saxon moved to North Carolina at the age of thirty-three and presently serves as president of Saxon's Inc.,--a vending sales firm in Charlotte. Professional organizations: National Automatic Merchandising Association, chairman (Region IV), 1945-1947; North Carolina Automatic Merchandising Association, director; and the North Carolina Restaurant Association. House committees: Banks and Banking, Employment Security, Finance, Manufacturers and Labor, Penal Institutions, Library. Municipal organizations: Charlotte Planning Board; Charlotte Zoning Commission; Adult Education Council of Charlotte, president; and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. Memberships: Boy Scouts of America, commissioner, Mecklenburg Council; Charlotte Rotary Club; and Elks Club. Presbyterian. Spouse: Kathryn Frances Hendricks, Jefferson County, Alabama, December 28, 1927. Children: James H.; and Jan Saxon Mattson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SCHWARTZ, BENJAMIN DAVID (1909-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Twelfth District, New Hanover County.

Born of Russian ancestry in Wilmington on January 17, 1909, Schwartz was the son of Louis Schwartz, a merchant, and Annie Rulnick, both natives of Poland. He attended New Hanover High School from 1921 to 1925 and was graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with a B.S. degree in 1929. Like his father he worked as a merchant and was affiliated with Home Furniture Company in Wilmington. Later Schwartz entered a career in investments. Professional organizations: Wilmington Merchants Association, president, 1961-1963. House committees: (chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control, University Board of Governors Nominating Committee; (vice-chairman) Banks and Banking. State organizations: Commission of Children With Special Needs, chairman; Advisory Budget Commission; and member, North Carolina Citizens Committee on Schools, 1971. Municipal positions: city council, Wilmington (elected 1909); mayor pro tem and mayor, Wilmington. Educational activities: original board of trustees, Wilmington College; and charter member, University of North Carolina, Wilmington Foundation. Awards: Outstanding Community Service Award, North Carolina Human Relations Commission, 1972. Memberships: Tau Epsilon Phi; Elks; and Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, president, 1971. Jewish. Spouse: Sylvia Wolk, Cleveland, Ohio, June 3, 1931. Children: Dr. M. J. Schwartz, Newton, Massachusetts; and Dr. Maxine Seller, Buffalo, New York.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
 Questionnaire, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SCOTT, RALPH HENDERSON (1903-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1961, *1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Sixteenth District (1951-1956; 1961-1964), Nineteenth District (1965-1966), Seventeenth District (1967-1972), and the Eighteenth District, (1973-1978), Alamance County. *President pro tem.

Born near Haw River on December 12, 1903, Scott was the son of Robert Walter Scott, a farmer from Alamance County, and Elizabeth Jessie Hughes of Orange County. He was graduated from Hawfields High School in 1920 and earned a B.S. degree from North Carolina State College in 1924. At the age of twenty-four he began work in the dairy business. Scott owns and serves as president of Melville Dairy, Inc., a milk distributor in Burlington. Scott introduced the bill in 1953 which created the State Milk Commission. Professional organizations: North Carolina Jersey Breeders Association, president, 1939; North Carolina Dairy Products Association, president, 1947; Alamance Dairy Foods, chairman of the board; and Raleigh, Durham, Burlington Dairy Council, president, 1945-46. Senate committees: Agriculture, Propositions and Grievances, Rules, Higher Education, Finance, Education, Appropriations, University Board of Governors. State organizations: Advisory Budget Commission, chairman, 1973-1974 and 1975-1976; North Carolina Department of Human Resources Council on Developmental Disabilities, chairman; North Carolina State Grange; and the North Carolina Farm Bureau. County organizations: commissioner, Alamance County, 1944-1950; Alamance County Tuberculosis Association, president; and Memorial Hospital of Alamance, trustee. Boards: First Federal Savings & Loan, Burlington; and (chairman) Carolina Casualty Insurance Company, Jacksonville, Florida. Awards: (contributions in the areas of education, retarded citizens, agriculture, senior citizens, and health care) Citation for Humanitarian Service and Outstanding Cooperation, United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina; Public Service Award, North Carolina Rehabilitation Association; Distinguished Service Award, North Carolina Dairy Products Association, 1971; and honorary doctorate of laws degree, Elon College, 1976. Memberships: Kiwanis Club, president, 1942; Chamber of Commerce, president, in 1944-1945; Mason; Burlington Moose Lodge; and Elks. Presbyterian: elder; chairman, board of deacons; and moderator, Orange Presbytery, 1970. Spouse: Hazeleene Tate, Alamance County, November 11, 1925. Children: Mirian Scott Mayor, Tarboro; Ralph H., Jr.; and William Clevenger. Relatives in General Assembly: Walter Scott, father (Alamance-House-1889, 1891, 1903; Senate-1901, 1929). Relatives in state elective office: William Kerr Scott, brother (state agriculture commissioner, 1936-1948; governor, 1949-1953); Robert W., nephew (lieutenant governor and president of Senate, 1965-1969; governor, 1969-1973). Relatives in federal office: William Kerr Scott (United States Senate, 1953-1958).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1951-1955; 1961-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), January 7, 1979.

SCOTT, ROBERT WALTER (1929-)

Senate, president (lieutenant governor), General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat.

Robert W. Scott was born near Haw River, Alamance County, on June 13, 1929. He was the son of William Kerr Scott, a farmer and dairyman from Haw River, and Mary Elizabeth White. Scott attended Alexander Wilson School, 1936-1947, and Duke University, 1947-1949. He earned a B.S. degree in animal industry from North Carolina State College in 1952. Scott served in the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps as a special agent from 1953 to 1955. Like his father, he worked as a dairy farmer in Haw River. In the political arena, Scott was elected lieutenant governor of North Carolina on November 3, 1964, when he defeated Republican Clifford Lee Bell. Scott won the gubernatorial election on November 5, 1968, with a victory over Republican James C. Gardner. Inaugurated governor of North Carolina on January 3, 1969, he served until January 5, 1973. Two of the major accomplishments during his administration were the reorganization of state government and higher education. Scott stressed the importance of careful planning in state government and showed concern for the handicapped, conservation of natural resources, prisoners and the need for their rehabilitation, and for economic growth through industrial development. After his term as governor, Scott served as executive vice-president of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council, 1973-1975. In 1977 President Carter appointed Scott cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C., and he presently is serving in this capacity. Professional organizations: North Carolina (president, 1957) and American societies of farm managers and rural appraisers; North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation; North Carolina State Grange, master, 1961-1963; and the Soil Conservation Society of America. State organizations: State Board of Conservation and Development, 1961-1964; Southern Regional Education Board, chairman, 1970; Kerr Reservoir Development Commission, 1961-1964; and the North Carolina Seashore Commission, 1962-1964. Political activities: Democratic precinct chairman; county vice-chairman; State Solicitorial District Executive Committee, 1960-1964; chairman, Democratic Governors Caucus, 1970; and member, executive committee, National Governors Conference, 1970. Educational organizations: United Forces For Education in North Carolina, chairman; and the Council on Post-Secondary accreditation, 1975- . Memberships: Burlington-Alamance County Chamber of Commerce; Haw River Junior Chamber of Commerce; North Carolina Literary and Historical Association; Alpha Zeta; Phi Kappa Phi, Blue Key; and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Awards: "Young Couple of the Year" (with Mrs. Scott), National Grange, 1959; and "Young Farmer of the Year", Alamance County, 1957. Presbyterian: deacon, 1959-1963; and elder, 1963-1971. Spouse: Jesse Rae Osborne, teacher (former), September 1, 1951. Children: Mary Scott Cagle and Margaret Rose Scott (twins); Susan Rae; W. Kerr; and Janet Louise. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert Walter Scott, grandfather (Alamance-House-1889, 1891, 1903; Senate-1901 and 1929); Ralph Henderson Scott, uncle (Alamance-Senate-1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1961, 1963 (president pro tem), 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78).

Relatives in state elective office: William Kerr Scott, father (governor, 1949-1953). Relatives in federal office: William Kerr Scott (United States Senate, 1953-1958).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-1971.

Updated sketch, March, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

Mitchell, Memory F. (ed), Addresses and Public Papers of Robert W. Scott, 1969-1973; Raleigh: Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, 1974.

SEAY, THOMAS WALLER, JR. (1926-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, Twenty-first District (1963) and the Twenty-sixth District (1965-1966), Rowan County.

Thomas W. Seay, Jr. was born in Salisbury on April 14, 1926. He was the son of Thomas Waller Seay, a physician from Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and Inez May Marks of Accomac County, Virginia. He was reared in Spencer and attended Spencer High School from 1939 to 1943. Following high school Seay enlisted in the United States Army and served from 1944 to 1946 in the Pacific Theatre. He received an A.B. degree from Duke University in 1949 and obtained an LL.B. degree from the Duke University Law School in 1952. Also, he studied at the National College of State Judiciary and the University of Nevada-Reno. He practiced law with the firm of Kesler and Seay from 1960 to 1967 in Salisbury. Gov. Dan K. Moore appointed Seay to the North Carolina Superior Court, Nineteenth District, Rowan County, on July 1, 1967. He was elected to another term in the general elections of 1968 and still was serving in 1978. Professional organizations: Rowan County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Congressional Redistricting; (vice-chairman) State Government. County positions: prosecuting attorney, Rowan County Court, 1956-1958; and judge, Rowan County Court, 1958-1960. Memberships: American Legion; Mason; and Kiwanis. Methodist. Spouse: Martha Jane Zimmerman, Rowan County, teacher, September 3, 1949. Children: Carolyn Jane; and Linda Ann.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1965.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SEBO, KATHERINE ANN HAGEN (1944-)
(MRS. PAUL GUSTAV SEBO)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Nineteenth District, Guilford County.

Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 9, 1944, Sebo was the daughter of Kristofer Hagen, a native of Canada, and Bertha Elvira Johanson of Agate, North Dakota. Her father was a physician while her mother was employed as a teacher. She was reared in Minneapolis and Mohulpahari, India, and attended Edina Junior and Senior High School in Edina, Minnesota, 1956-1959, and Kodaikanal High School, Kodaikanal, South India, 1960-1961. Sebo was enrolled at the University of Minnesota, 1961-1962, received a B.A. degree from Oberlin College in 1965, and obtained an M.A. degree in 1968 as well as a Ph.D. degree in 1973 in international relations from American University. In addition, she studied Asian politics at Duke University. Sebo moved to North Carolina at the age of twenty-two and began a career as a college professor. Sebo currently serves on the faculty of Guilford College in Greensboro and specializes in Asian studies and women's studies. Professional organizations: American Association of University Professors; and the American Political Science Association. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Education. Municipal positions: chairman, Mayor's Committee on the Status of Women, Greensboro, 1972-1973. Memberships: Phi Gamma Mu; Altrusa International, Inc.; League of Women Voters; and the American Civil Liberties Union. Methodist. Spouse: Paul Gustav Sebo, New York City, government administrator, June 10, 1967.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

SERMONS, WAYLAND JAMES (? -)

House, General Assemblies of 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democart, Beaufort County.

The son of Matthew C. Sermons and Mimie Jackson, Sermons was born in Winterville, Pitt County. He attended Winterville High School, 1921-1931, and was enrolled at East Carolina Teachers College for one year. As his primary occupation Sermons operated a tobacco auction warehouse in Washington. In addition, he held the position of president of the Carolina Hotel Corporation and served as a jobber in Beaufort County for Phillips Petroleum. House committees: (chairman) Wildlife Resources, Federal and Interstate Cooperation; (vice-chairman) Propositions and Grievances, Roads, Manufacturers and Labor, Salaries and Fees. State positions: chairman, North Carolina Motorboat Study Commission, 1958. Memberships: Jaycees; Mason and Shriner; and Elks, exalted ruler, 1960. Disciples, Board of Stewards. First spouse: ? Second spouse: Marilyn Stokes, Washington, D.C., June 28, 1952. Children: Mrs. Harry Roberts, Jr.; Lois; Anne; Sue; Wayland J., Jr.; Carol; and Carl Winston.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1959-1965.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SETZER, FRANCES ELLEN (1922-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-seventh District, Catawba County.

Born in Newton on November 27, 1922, Setzer was the daughter of Macon Lester Setzer, a business administrator, and Maude Elizabeth Boggs of Newton. An only child, she attended Bowling Green College in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where she received an A.B. degree in 1942. Setzer then obtained an M.A. degree in public health in 1957 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In addition, she studied alcohol studies at Yale University. At the age of nineteen Setzer began a career as an accountant with Clyde Fabrics, Inc., a textile firm in Newton. Before retirement she worked in the banking and public health fields and served as field secretary for the North Carolina P.T.A. House committees: Appropriations Committee on the Base Budget, Banks and Banking, Economy, State Personnel, State Properties. Methodist. Single. Relatives in General Assembly: A. C. Boggs, grandfather (Catawba-House-1899-1900).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SEYMOUR, MARY POWELL (1922-)
 (MRS. HUBERT ELMO SEYMOUR, JR.)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Guilford County.

Born in Raleigh on April 12, 1922, Seymour was the daughter of Robert Caldonia Powell of Wake Forest and Annie Rebecca Seymour of Chatham County. Her father managed the Yarborough, Carolina, and Sir Walter hotels in Raleigh and was elected three terms as commissioner of public safety. In addition to teaching and secretarial work, her mother served as clerk, Enrolling Office, North Carolina State Legislature. One of two children, she was graduated from Needham B. Broughton High School in 1939 and from Peace College in 1941. She completed a course study at Harvard University 1946-1947, attended a Pilot Nursery School Study Program, University of Michigan, 1949-1950, obtained a real estate broker's license, and received a Leadership Development Training Certificate in 1978 from the Center For Creative Leadership. As her major occupation Seymour has worked in the secretarial field and has held the following positions: secretary and claims adjudicator, Social Security Administration, Washington, D.C.; secretary and administrator for Medical Supply BTC-10 and ORD, Greensboro; and secretary to the dean, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston. She currently works as a legal secretary and court reporter in her husband's law office in Greensboro. As a parallel career Seymour is engaged in politics and the real estate business. Professional organizations: National Order of Women Legislators; North Carolina League of Municipalities Legislative Committees, vice-chairman; Resolution Committee, Policy Leaders Legislative Advisory Council and the Steering Committee For International Municipal Cooperation, National League of Cities; American Business Women's Association; Greensboro Chapter, Business and Professional Women; and the United States Conference of mayors, delegate. House committees: Appropriations Committee on General Government and Transportation, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Health, Insurance, Local Government, Natural and Economic Resources, Public Utilities. State organizations: Legislative Study Commission; Insurance Laws Study Committee; and Sea World Study Commission. Municipal positions: city council, Greensboro, 1967-1975; mayor pro tem, Greensboro, 1973-1975; liaison; federal agencies and the congressional delegation; Piedmont Triad Comprehensive Health Planning Council. Memberships: O Henry Women's Club, president; Greensboro Legal Auxiliary; Women's Professional Forum; Government Task Force, Gateways; Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Reorganization; Community Development Council; and the Triad Sickle Cell Anemia Advisory Council. Boards: visitors, Peace College; and the Triad Girl Scout Council, Inc. Political activities: Young Democrats; Democratic Women, delegate, (county, district, and state conventions). Awards and honors: Woman of the Year, City Beautification Award, 1970; Chamber of Commerce Dolly Madison Award, 1971; Distinguished Alumna, Peace College, 1972; Who's Who in Government, 1975; and Bowker, Women in Public Office, 1976-1977. Baptist,

Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Hubert Elmo Seymour, Jr., Wake County, lawyer, February 3, 1945. Children: Hubert Elmo III; and Robert John. Relatives in General Assembly: Gaston Thaddus Powell, great uncle (Wake-House-1899-1900).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

*SHARPE, KENNEDY HUDSON (1930-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-third District, Alexander County.

The son of Ransome Vance Sharpe and Leils Bogle, Sharpe was born in Alexander County on April 17, 1930. He was graduated from Hiddenite High School in 1948 and later was enrolled at the American College of Life Underwriters. In 1971 Sharpe attended Caldwell Community College where he studied real estate law. He was employed in the real estate and insurance business in Hiddenite in 1973. Sharpe served as secretary of Alexander Industries and Alexander County Water Co-op. Sharpe currently resides somewhere in the Southwestern United States. Professional organizations: Statesville Association of Life Underwriters, president. Senate committees: Agriculture, Conservation and Development, Education, Finance, Higher Education, Insurance, Judiciary, Public Utilities. State organizations: Northwest North Carolina Development Association, president. Boards and commissions: Unifour Regional Planning Commission; Unifour Housing Subcommittee; Alexander County Child Development Commission; LLD Appalachian Regional Development Commission; and Alexander County Planning Board, chairman. Memberships: Alexander County Chamber of Commerce, president. Awards: Man of the Year, Statesville Association of Life Underwriters, 1970. Methodist: Sunday School superintendent. Spouse: Frances Ruth Sikes, February 14, 1954 (divorced). Children: Ruth, Betty, and Kay.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
 *Could not locate.

SHARPE, ROGER DEAN (1947-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-fourth District, Burke County.

Born of Irish ancestry in Harmony, Iredell County, on August 29, 1947, Sharpe was the son of Henry Woodrow Sharpe, Sr., a farmer from Harmony, and Hattie Belle Shores of Yadkin County. One of seven children, he was reared on a farm and was graduated from Harmony High School in 1965. Sharpe attended North Carolina State University between 1965 and 1972. He received a B.S. degree in social work and correctional services from East Carolina University in 1975. In addition, he studied social sciences at Appalachian State University; studied management at the Institute of Government, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and attended a caseworker training workshop at Forsyth Technical Institute as well as the Institute of Correctional Administration at East Carolina University. At the age of twenty-four Sharpe began a teaching profession at the college and university level. In addition, he was employed as a corrections administrator (criminal justice). Sharpe served as an instructor in corrections theory and deviant behavior in the Department of Psychology at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University in 1972. Also, he taught theory and practice of group counseling at Guilford College in 1972. Later, Sharpe joined the faculty at Western Piedmont Community College at Morganton where he serves as coordinator of the corrections program in the Department of Criminal Justice and as a teacher of law enforcement and correctional officers from fifteen western North Carolina counties. Professional activities: a participant, United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Criminal Justice. Baptist, State Baptist Conventions Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs. Single. Relatives in General Assembly: William Sharpe, (Rowan-Provincial Congress-1775 (2nd), 1775 (3rd), 1776 (5th); House of Commons-1781, 1782, 1784-85). Relatives in national office: William Sharpe (Rowan-United States Continental Congress, 1779).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
 Questionnaire, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SHELTON, HENRY GRAY (1906-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Fourth District, Edgecombe County.

The son of Benjamin Franklin Shelton, a farmer from Mildred, Edgecombe County, and Annie Thigpen, a teacher from Conetoe, Edgecombe County, Shelton was born near Speed, Edgecombe County, on November 14, 1906. One of five children, he attended Speed Grammer and High School, 1912-1923, and earned a B.S. degree at North Carolina State College in 1927. Shelton has farmed all of his life and currently is the owner and manager of Mapleton Farm near Speed. In addition, he has served as president of the Eastern Carolina Livestock Arena as well as the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Professional organizations: North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, director; and the North Carolina Hereford Breeders. Senate committees: (chairman) Agriculture; Counties, Cities and Towns; Salaries and Fees. State organizations: North Carolina State Highway Commission; and the North Carolina Board of Agriculture. County organizations: Edgecombe County Board of Health; and the Tarboro-Edgecombe County Development Corporation. Municipal organizations: school board, Speed. Boards: North Carolina National Bank, Tarboro; and Edgecombe General Hospital. Memberships: Tarboro Kiwanis, president; Elks; Ruritan; and Mason and Shriner. Episcopalian: vestryman, and layreader. Spouse: Athlea Boone, Franklin County, teacher, December 18, 1947. Children: Anne Boone, born December 3, 1956. Relatives in General Assembly: Benjamin Franklin Shelton, father (Edgecombe-House-1901, 1903).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1957-1963.
 Questionnaire, July, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SHORT, WILLIAM MARCUS (1930-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Guilford County (1965-1966), Twenty-sixth District (1967-1972) and the Twenty-third District (1975-1978), Guilford County.

Born in Pleasant Garden, Guilford County, on August 4, 1930, Short was the son of George Asa Short and Maude Blanche Futrell of Guilford County. Both of his parents taught at the grade school level. One of three children, he attended Sumner School from 1936 to 1948. Short served in the United States Air Force, 1950-1953, and attained the rank of staff sergeant. He received a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1955, and completed the U.N.C. Law School in 1958. At the age of twenty-eight he began a law practice in Greensboro and later served as a partner in the firm of Short, McNeil and Ray. Professional organizations: North Carolina, Eighteenth Judicial District, and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts, Insurance; (vice-chairman) Manufacturers and Labor, Banks and Banking. Memberships: Greensboro Junior Chamber of Commerce; Greensboro Chamber of Commerce; Sumner Civitan Club, president; Loyal Order of Moose, governor; Elks; and Oddfellows. Methodist: board of stewards, 1959-1962. Spouse: Dorothy Ruth Mangum, February 16, 1952 (divorced). Children: Nancy Elizabeth.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1965-1971; 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SHUFORD, ADRIAN LAFAYETTE, JR. (1910-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat, Thirty-first District (1965-1966) and the Twenty-sixth District (1967), Catawba County.

One of five children of Adrian Lafayette Shuford, an industrial manager from Hickory, and Annie Bertha Warlick of Reepsville, Lincoln County, Shuford was born in Hickory on December 23, 1910. He attended Hickory High School from 1924 to 1928 and was enrolled at Cornell University, 1928-1929, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1929-1932. Shuford in 1930 began a career in business administration. He served in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1945 and was active in the Pacific Theatre. Shuford attained the positions of chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Jackson Buff Corporation, a firm that manufactures buffing wheels and abrasive belts in Conover. Senate committees: Higher Education; (vice-chairman) Finance, Rules. County organizations: board of commissioners, Catawba County, 1948-1959 (chairman). Municipal positions: mayor, Conover, 1937. Trustee: (chairman) Catawba College. Awards: honorary degree, Doctor of Humanitarian Service, Catawba College. Reformed Protestant: Sunday School superintendent; and elder. Spouse: Dorothy Winter Cilley, Catawba County, June 16, 1932. Children: Adrian L. III; and Dorothy Anna.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-1967.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SIMMONS, LeROY GASTON (1916-1977)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1967; Democrat, Ninth District (1963) and the Tenth District (1967), Duplin County.

Born on January 1, 1916, in Albertson, Duplin County, Simmons was the son of Marvin William Simmons, a farmer, and Mattie Kornegay. He was graduated from B. F. Grady High School in 1932 and studied courses in agriculture at North Carolina State College. Simmons was employed as a farmer and served as president of Simmons Grains and Feeds, Inc., in Albertson. He held the position of vice-president of the North Carolina State Farm Bureau Federation and served as president of the Duplin County Farm Bureau. Simmons died on February 14, 1977, and was buried at Outlaws Bridge Cemetery. Senate committees: (chairman) Public Utilities; (vice-chairman) Local Government; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce. Boards: North Carolina State Farm Bureau Insurance Company; James Sprunt Hill Institute, Kenansville; and Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation, vice-president, 1972-1977. Committees (non-legislative): North Carolina Farm Bureau's Flue-Cured Tobacco Advisory Committee, chairman; Sencland Agriculture Committee, chairman, 1961-1962; the 20 Man Belt Wide Tobacco Committee. Awards: "Distinguished Service Award" for agriculture, Farm Bureau, 1958; and recognized for dedicated and worthy services as a member of tobacco staff, School of Life Sciences, North Carolina State University, December 2, 1975. Memberships, Mason. Unitarian (Universalist). Spouse: Edith Martin, May 4, 1940. Children: William Gaston; Lisa Kay; and Martin LeRoy.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1963; 1967.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), February 15, 1977.

SIMPSON, DANIEL REID (1927-)

House, General Assemblies of *1957, 1961, and 1963; Republican, Burke County. *He resigned on February 26, 1958.

Born in Glen Alpine, Burke County, on February 20, 1927, Simpson was the son of James Reid Simpson, a railroad engineer from Burke County, and Margaret Ethel Newton of Morganton. One of two sons, he was reared in a rural environment and attended the public schools of Glen Alpine. In addition, Simpson was enrolled at the University of Mississippi, Auburn University, and Lenoir-Rhyne College. During World War II he served in the United States Army from March, 1945, to December, 1946. Simpson attained the rank of T/5 and was active in the Pacific Theatre. In 1949 Simpson earned a B.S. degree at Wake Forest College, and two years later he obtained an LL.B. degree from the Wake Forest College Law School. Simpson was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1951 and presently serves as senior partner in the law firm of Simpson, Baker & Aycock, P.A. in Morganton. Professional organizations: Burke County, North Carolina, and American bar associations; North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers; and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. House committees: (Joint Caucus Leader-Republican) Appropriations; Commissions and Institutions For the Blind; Engrossed Bills; Higher Education; Highway Safety; Institutions For the Deaf; Insurance; Judiciary; Manufacturers and Labor; Mental Institutions; Public Utilities. County positions: judge, Burke County Criminal Courts, 1957-1958; and attorney, Burke County. Municipal positions: mayor, Glen Alpine, 1952-1956; and town council, Glen Alpine. Director: (chairman) local branch, Western Carolina Bank & Trust Company; and Mom' n' Pop's Ham House, Inc. Political activities: vice-chairman, North Carolina Young Republicans; chairman, Burke County Republican Executive Committee; North Carolina Republican Executive Committee; chairman, 10th District Republican Party; and delegate (twice), Republican National Convention. Memberships: Mason, master. Methodist: steward; trustee; Sunday School teacher; and chairman, official board. Spouse: Mary Alice Leonard, Burke County, agricultural science, September 16, 1951. Children: Mary Alma; James Reid II; and Ethel Barie.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957; 1961-1963.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

SINK, JOSEPH STANFORD (1911-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Davidson County.

Born in Lexington on January 12, 1911, Sink was the son of Fred O. Sink, a newspaper publisher from Tyro, Davidson County, and Mary Cecil of Lexington. One of seven children, he was graduated from Lexington High School in 1929 and attended Duke University from 1929 to 1933. As an early occupation Sink worked as an accountant for the State of North Carolina in Lenoir, Caldwell County. At the age of thirty-three, however, Sink launched a career in newspaper publishing. He became publisher of the Dispatch Publishing Company in Lexington. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Public Welfare, Salaries and Fees. Memberships: Red Men; Woodman of the World; Patriotic Order Sons of America; Mason and Shriner. Methodist, board of stewards. Spouse: Dorothea Dorsett, Davidson County, January 3, 1936. Children: Joseph S., Jr.; and Wood D. Relatives in General Assembly: Fred O. Sink, father (Davidson-House-1935).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1935; 1965.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SLATE, RALPH WALDO (1901-1971)

House, General Assembly of *1969; Republican, Twenty-sixth District, Guilford County. *Governor Scott appointed him to the House on October 29, 1969, to replace J. Howard Coble who had resigned.

One of six sons born to Dr. John William Slate and Martha Ann Meadows of Stokes County, Slate was born in that county on October 20, 1901. He was graduated from Wake Forest College and worked on his Master's degree in business law at the University of Chicago. Slate taught history and civics at Walnut Cove High School in Stokes County from 1924 to 1926. He then moved to High Point where he worked for eight to ten years as superintendent at Tomlinson Furniture Manufacturing Company. Around 1935 Slate began manufacturing and selling furniture, and in 1938 he founded the Colonial Furniture House between High Point and Greensboro. He operated this retail furniture business until his retirement around 1968. Slate had been active in politics, and he had made an unsuccessful attempt to gain a seat in the House in November, 1968. He had received more votes than the other defeated Republican candidate. The Guilford County Republican Executive Committee chose Slate to replace J. Howard Coble in 1969. Slate died of lung cancer at High Point Memorial Hospital on May 31, 1971. He was buried at Floral Garden Park Cemetery. Professional organizations: American Business Club, High Point, founder and president. Memberships, High Point Kiwanis Club. Baptist: chairman, board of deacons. Spouse: Kathleen Foscue, Guilford County, December, 1927. Children: Mrs. Robert Anderson, New Jersey.

Sources: Questionnaire, Joseph E. Slate, brother, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The High Point Enterprise, October 14, 1969; May 31, 1971.

SMITH, ADDISON NEAL (1934-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-first District, Rowan County.

The son of Robert Lee Smith and Grace Goodnight, Smith was born at Bailey, Wilson County, on December 20, 1934. He was graduated from Woodleaf High School in Rowan County in 1953. Smith served in the United States Army Engineers as a specialist 4 from 1958 to 1960. In 1961 he earned a B.A. degree from Pfeiffer College and attended the University of Mississippi, 1961-1963. Smith was enrolled in Graduate School at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, where he obtained an M.A. degree in education with a major in speech pathology and audiology in 1965. Smith was employed by the State Department of Public Instruction from 1965 to 1972. In addition, he served as acting director of the Alexander Bell Association For the Deaf in Washington, D.C. Smith presently works as an educator at North Rowan Primary School at Spencer, Rowan County, and resides at Woodleaf. In 1969 he drafted a bill for the North Carolina Legislature that granted the first services for hearing impaired children in the public schools in the preschool years. House committees: (chairman) Public Libraries; (vice-chairman) Highway Safety. Publications: "Speech Therapy For the Mentally Retarded", North Carolina Education, February, 1968; "Guide For Speech and Hearing", North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, 1967; and "Programs For Hearing Impaired", Volta Bureau, Alexander Graham Bell Association, Washington, D.C., 1973. Awards: Outstanding Alumnus, Speech and Audiology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Methodist: director of music, 1963-1965; lay reader, 1975, and Administrative Board, 1975. Spouse: Elizabeth Winters, August 29, 1965. Children: Mary Beth; Addison N., Jr.; Todd Robert; and Anna Elizabeth.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.

SMITH, ARTHUR LYNN (1904-1973)

House, General Assembly of 1971; Democrat, Thirty-ninth District, Iredell County.

The son of John T. Smith (deceased) and Minnie E. Arthur, Smith was born in Troutman, Iredell County, on January 22, 1904. He was graduated from Troutman High School in 1923, was enrolled at Erskine College, 1923-1924, and attended Kings Business College in 1925. Smith was employed by Duke Power Company and retired in 1969. He sought reelection to the House on the Democratic ticket in 1972 but was defeated in a four-man race. Smith died at Lowrance Hospital in Mooresville on February 5, 1973. He had been in ill health, but death was caused by smoke inhalation. Apparently Smith was rendered unconscious by a cigarette which had fallen onto a couch and smoldered. He was buried at Glenwood Memorial Park in Mooresville. House committees: Finance, Agriculture, Roads, Health, Public Utilities, Wildlife Resources, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf. Reformed Presbyterian Church: deacon, 1940-1946; and elder, 1960-1973. Spouse: Gladys Davidson (deceased, 1968), May 25, 1930. Children: Arthur L., Jr., Rockwood, Tennessee; John T., Statesville, manager, Iredell County; and Mrs. Janet Reid Smith Wolf, Rising Sun, Maryland.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Statesville Record & Landmark, February 5, 1973.

SMITH, CARL MANEVAL (1912-)

House, General Assembly of 1971; Democrat, Twentieth District, Orange County.

The son of Chester Cumming Smith and Catherine Maneval, Smith was born in Greensboro on October 31, 1912. He attended the public schools of High Point, 1918-1929. Smith received a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from High Point College and served as class president in 1933. Smith next attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he earned an M.A. degree in mathematics in 1944. Smith was employed as an investment broker in Chapel Hill. He served as a member of the Examining Committee, the Executive Committee, and the board of directors of Central Carolina Bank & Trust Company, Chapel Hill. House committees: Conservation and Development, Education, Health, State Legislative Districts, University Trustees, Water and Air Resources. County organizations: Orange County Board of Commissioners, 1962-1970, chairman, 1968-1970. Municipal organizations: Chapel Hill School Board, 1947-1956, chairman 1950-1956. Awards: Recognition and Appreciation Award, Chapel Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1957. Memberships: Chapel Hill Rotary Club, president, 1947-1948; and Chapel Hill Chamber of Commerce, board of directors. Methodist: trustee; Sunday School teacher; and chairman, commission on finance. Spouse: Anzelette Prevost, May 23, 1934. Children: Carla (Mrs. James M. Chamblee); Katherine (Mrs. Richard N. Gunter); and Zan Prevost.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1971
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SMITH, JOHN McNEILL, JR. (1918-)

House, General Assembly of *1971; Democrat, Twenty-sixth District, Guilford County. *He resigned from the House in December, 1971.

Senate, General Assemblies of *1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Eighteenth District (1971-1972) and the Nineteenth District (1973-1978), Guilford County. *Governor Scott appointed Smith to the Senate on December 31, 1971, to replace Hargrove Bowles who had resigned.

The son of Dr. John McNeill Smith and Roberta Olivia Andrew of Rowland, Robeson County, Smith was born in Rowland on April 9, 1918. He attended the public schools of Rowland, 1924-1934, and earned an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1938. While at U.N.C. Smith was elected editor of the Daily Tar Heel. He had planned on a newspaper career, but a scholarship to the Columbia University Law School in New York steered him toward a legal profession. Smith obtained an LL.B. degree in 1941 and for four months worked in the law firm of Root, Clark, Buckner & Ballentine in New York. He entered the United States Navy in 1941 and studied at the Bomb Disposal School in Washington, D.C. Smith served as a bomb disposal officer and ordinance observer in Egypt, Syria, Palestine, and Malta. In addition, he helped organize the underwater demolition program in India, Burma, and China. Smith was discharge as a lieutenant in 1945 and later received the reserve rank of lieutenant commander. Smith had been admitted to the State Bar in 1941 and the New York State Bar in 1942; he began a law practice in Greensboro in 1945. Smith presently serves as a partner in the firm of Smith, Moore, Smith, Schell & Hunter. During 1964-1965, Smith had served as a visiting professor in Constitutional Law at U.N.C. He ran for the United States Senate in 1978 but was defeated in the first Democratic Primary. Professional organizations: Greensboro, North Carolina, American (Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, chairman, 1972-1973; National Commission on Rights of Mentally Disabled, 1973-1977; and House of Delegates, 1976-), and International bar associations; United States Supreme Court (admitted to practice); Federal Judicial Conference, United States Court of Appeals; International Association of Insurance Counsel; the American Judicature Society; and Legis 50-The Center For Legislative Improvement, Board of Trustees, 1976-1978. Senate committees: (chairman) Highway Safety, State Government, Criminal Justice; (vice-chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation. Federal organizations: United States Civil Rights Commission, North Carolina Advisory Committee, chairman. State organizations: North Carolina Commission on Children and Youth, 1972-1973; Senate Commission on Revenue Laws, 1974-1975; Crime Study Commission, chairman, 1976-1977; and Southern Regional Council, Executive Committee, 1966-1970. Municipal organizations: Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, director, 1961-1962; and chairman, Downtown Improvement Committee, 1961-1964. Publications: editor, Equal Protection of the Laws in North Carolina, 1963. Educational organizations: trustee, North Carolina Outward Bound School; Greensboro Citizens For Greensboro College; and secretary and director, Excellence Fund, U.N.C., Greensboro.

Memberships: Reserve Officers Association; Jaycees (state chairman, International Relations); American Freedom Association (chairman, Southeastern World Affairs Institute; and the American Business Club, president. Awards and honors: "Tar Heel of the Week", The News and Observer (Raleigh), November 12, 1961. North Carolina Planning Award, 1963; Outstanding Service Award, Chamber of Commerce, 1965; and North Carolina Consumers Advocate Award, 1976. Methodist: lay reader; Sunday School teacher, 1945- ; president, Greensboro Association of Churches and Synagogues, 1972; and vice-president, North Carolina Council of Churches, 1972-1973. Spouse: Louise Huske Jordan, Fayetteville, May 19, 1941. Children: Mrs. Louise Jordan Smith Nichols; Anne Talbott Smith; John M., Jr.; and Eleanor Huske.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), November 12, 1961.

SMITH, NED RAEFORD (1911-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-ninth District, Forsyth County.

Born in Granite Falls, Caldwell County, on January 16, 1911, Smith was the son of Lloyd Poole Smith, a minister from Morganton, and Dora Leslie Bradley of Gastonia. He was reared in Winston-Salem and was graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School in 1929. Smith was enrolled at Duke University, 1927-1931, attended Salem College, 1932-1933, and returned to Duke where he received an A.B. degree in 1935. Next, he obtained an M.A. degree in public school administration in 1943 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Before retiring in 1973, Smith worked as associate superintendent of the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County School System. House committees: (vice-chairman) Education, Water and Air Resources. Memberships: Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Methodist: administrative board; and chairman, Council of Ministry on Education. Spouse: Frances Marguerite Britt, Yadkin County, teacher, June 5, 1936. Children: Ned Britt; and Edith Carol Smith Strittmatter.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, April, 1977.

SMITH, THOMAS LYNWOOD (1908-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and 1975-76; Democrat, Nineteenth District, Guilford County.

A native of Maxton, Robeson County, Smith was born on May 10, 1908, and was the son of Thomas Leak Smith and Mayme McF. McCallum. He attended Blue Ridge School For Boys, 1924-1925, Georgia Military Academy, 1926-1928, and Rutherford Junior College, 1928-1929. From 1930 to 1934 Smith was enrolled at Wake Forest College where he earned an LL.B. degree. Smith practiced law in High Point, and from 1945 to 1970 he served as senior vice-president, director, and general counsel of Adams-Millis Corporation, a hosiery manufacturer in High Point. Currently, Smith serves as chairman of the North Carolina Economic Development Board of the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Professional organizations: High Point and American bar associations; and the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, director and treasurer. Senate committees: (chairman) Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; (vice-chairman) State Government. State organizations: North Carolina State Highway Commission, commissioner, Seventh District (appointed by Gov. Robert W. Scott, July, 1969); North Carolina State Ports Authority (appointed by Lt. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., July 15, 1975); and the North Carolina Economic Development Board, chairman (appointed by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., May 11, 1977). Municipal organizations: High Point Municipal Court, judge pro tem, 1957-1958; and High Point City Council, 1958-1962. Educational organizations: Alumni Council of Wake Forest University, 1970; Board of Visitors, Wake Forest School of Law, 1971; and the Law Committee, Wake Forest School of Law, 1971. Trustee: Woodward Academy, Atlanta, Georgia; Oak Ridge Academy, Oak Ridge, North Carolina, and Methodist College, Fayetteville. Awards: "Man of Year", High Point, 1969; Distinguished Service Citation on "Politics and Government", Wake Forest University, 1970; and Distinguished Alumnus Award for Noteworthy Service and Success in the fields of business and law through leadership in the textile industry in North Carolina, Georgia Military Academy, College Park, Georgia, 1971. Memberships: Newcomen Society of North Carolina; and the High Point Rotary Club. Methodist: official board of stewards, chairman. Spouse: Sarah Elizabeth (Betsy) Armfield, January 4, 1938. Children: Mrs. Cornelia Armfield Smith Pell; and Thomas L., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1975.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SMITH, WADE MARVIN (1937-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and 1975-76; Democrat, Fifteenth District, Wake County.

The son of Charlie Beech Smith, a textile manufacturer from Aquadale, Stanly County, and Ruth Mills Carpenter, a textile worker from Rockingham, Richmond County, Smith was born in Albemarle on October 9, 1937. One of two children, he was graduated from Albemarle High School in 1956. A Morehead Scholar, Smith earned an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1960 and received his legal education at the U.N.C. Law School (LL.B. degree, 1963). He was admitted to the State Bar that year and served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Carlisle Higgins, 1963-1964. Smith held the position of assistant solicitor, Wake County Superior Court, 1964-1966. Smith presently serves as a partner in the law firm of Tharrington, Smith & Hargrove in Raleigh; he specializes in trial law. He has written at least ten technical publications in the legal field. Professional organizations: Wake County (Executive Committee, 1968-1970), North Carolina (Division Counselor, Young Lawyers Section, 1968-1970), and American bar associations; Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers; and American Trial Lawyers Association (Advisory Committee to the Criminal Bar, 1969-1971). House committees: (vice-chairman) Economy, Judiciary, Water and Air Resources. State organizations: North Carolina Criminal Code Commission, 1970-1976. Memberships: Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, board of directors; and the Raleigh Developmental Evaluation Clinic, director. Baptist: board of trustees, 1970- ; and chairman, board of deacons, 1969. Spouse: Ann Hassinger, December 19, 1960. Children: Karen; and Robin.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1975.
 Questionnaire, October, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

SMITH, WILLIAM GREY (1922-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Fourth District, New Hanover County.

Born in Goldsboro, Wayne County, on January 3, 1922, Smith was the son of Walter Grey Smith, a transportation employee, and Eloise Price of Goldsboro. He was graduated from Tarboro High School in 1939. Smith served in the United States Army from March, 1944, to October, 1945, and attained the rank of corporal. In 1948 Smith received an A.B. degree from Wake Forest College and earned an LL.B. degree at the University of North Carolina Law School in 1950. Admitted to the State Bar that year, Smith began a law practice in Wilmington. He currently is affiliated with the firm of Smith & Kendrick. Professional organizations: New Hanover County (president, 1974-1975), North Carolina, and American bar associations; American Judicature Society; American Trial Lawyers Association; North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers Board of Governors, 1974-1975; Law Science Institute, 1956; and the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts. State organizations: North Carolina General Statutes Commission, 1975-. Methodist: church board; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Helen Grey Smith, Littleton, New Hampshire, teacher, December 28, 1945. Children: Julia Smith Capone; Walter M.; and Barbara.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

SNEAD, EDWARD CLEO (1904-)

House, General Assembly of 1969, Democrat, Fifth District, New Hanover County.

Born in Hope Mills, Cumberland County, on February 25, 1904, Snead was the son of Edward White Snead, rural mail carrier from Four Oaks, Johnston County, and Lincey Mary Leo of Allenton, Robeson County. After attending the public schools of Hope Mills, Snead studied law at the Wilmington Law School. From 1930 to 1959 he was employed by the United States Customs Service. Snead served as assistant and acting collector of customs for the North and South Carolina Customs District and as administrative officer in charge of export control, headquarters, and customs service, Washington, D. C. In addition, he held the position of executive vice-president of Waters Shipping Company in Wilmington from 1960 to 1975. Snead took a leave of absence from Waters Shipping Company between 1963 and 1966 to serve as Public Administration Advisor (customs) for the Republic of Liberia. Snead wrote and obtained legislative passage of the Liberian Customs Code in 1966 and was commended by the president of Liberia. In 1976 he formed a proprietorship known as Edward C. Snead and Associates Customs Consultants. In addition, as a parallel occupation Snead served many years in the United States Navy. He served in the following capacities: Asiatic Fleet, 1923-1927; World War II, 1943-1945; Korean Conflict, 1950-1952; and United States Naval Reserve, fifteen years, commander (organized and commanded three units). House committees: Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Conservation and Development, Finance, Military and Veterans Affairs, State Personnel. State organizations: Legislative Study Commission to revise ABC laws, chairman. County organizations: New Hanover County Board of Elections, 1960-1963, and 1968, (chairman); New Hanover County Jury Commission, chairman, 1967-1968; Wilmington-New Hanover Committee on Services for the Aging, board of directors, chairman; and the New Hanover County Democratic Executive Committee, chairman, 1972. Memberships: American Legion (committee for acquisition of the USS North Carolina); Veterans of Foreign Wars, commander; Mason and Shriner; and Elks. Methodist. Spouse: Sarah Ruby Davis, Moore County, July 25, 1927. Children: Mrs. Jo Anne Dennison, Neptune Beach, Florida; and Mrs. Nancy Kelsch, North Augusta, South Carolina. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert Whitehurst, great great great grandfather (Onslow-House of Commons-1789; Senate-1790, 1791-92, 1793-94). Relatives in national office: Robert Whitehurst (Onslow-Federal Constitutional Convention, 1788 and 1789).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SNOW, GEORGE KEY (1891-1971)

House, General Assemblies of 1947 and 1949; Democrat, Surry County.

Senate, General Assemblies of *1959 and 1963; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Surry County. *Governor Hodges appointed him to the House on April 20, 1959, to replace Fred Folger who had resigned.

Born in Dobson, Surry County, on May 5, 1891, Snow was the son of Joseph Axson Snow, a postal employee, minister, and lawyer from Surry County, and Cora Elizabeth Key of Surry County. He attended the schools of Mount Airy, Trinity Park School (junior college) in Durham, 1909-1910, and Trinity College, 1910-1911 and 1915-1917. Snow left school to enter the United States Army and served in the Quartermaster Corps from May 2, 1917, to August 7, 1919, and attained the rank of captain. After his military service Snow was appointed United States Postmaster for Mount Airy by President Woodrow Wilson in 1920 and served until 1924. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1924 and began a law practice at the age of thirty-three. During World War II Snow served as assistant director of Civil Defense in North Carolina, 1942-1944, and held the position of state salvage manager in the War Production Board, April, 1944, to October, 1945. For a brief period after the war he served as attorney for the Winston-Salem Rent Office. As his primary career Snow held the positions of lawyer and advisor to the Northwestern Bank in Mount Airy. Snow was active in getting the law passed that gave a community college to Surry County and aided in the writing of legislation concerning the education of veterans. He died at Forsyth County Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem on December 21, 1971. Snow was buried at the Oakdale Cemetery in Mount Airy. Professional organizations: North Carolina Bar Association. Senate committees: (chairman) Veterans and Military Affairs; (vice-chairman) Judiciary. County positions: assistant judge (1962), judge (1966), Mount Airy Recorders Court; and service officer, Veterans of Surry County, 1921. Municipal organizations: Mount Airy Committee For the Handicapped. Memberships: American Legion, North Carolina Department, commander, 1944-1945 and commander, Twentieth District; charter member, Mount Airy Kiwanis Club; and chairman, board of directors, Veterans Memorial Park, Mount Airy. Methodist: steward, twenty-five years. Spouse: Tula Nina Waller, Granville County, teacher, September 15, 1919. Children: George K., Jr., Morganton.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1947-1949; 1959; 1963.
Questionnaire, Mrs. George Key Snow, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Winston-Salem Journal, December 23, 1971.

SNYDER, JAMES EUGENE (1911-1971)

House, General Assemblies of 1947, 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1969, and 1971; Republican, Davidson County (1947; 1961-1966) and the Thirty-first District (1969-1971), Davidson County. *Snyder died on November 28, 1971, and Governor Scott appointed Snyder's son, James E. Snyder, Jr., on January 6, 1972, to replace him.

Snyder was born in Lexington on September 9, 1911. He was the son of C. A. Snyder and Sallie Frances Myers. In 1928 Snyder was graduated from Reeds High School and was enrolled at Wake Forest College where he earned a B.S. degree in 1932. He received his legal education at the Wake Forest College Law School, obtaining an LL.B. degree in 1938. Snyder practiced law in Lexington from 1938 to 1942. For the next two years he served as chief clerk, Selective Service, Davidson County Board No. 1. In 1944 he became associated with Coble Dairy Products, Inc., and served as legal and personnel director. After his association with the above firm, Snyder returned to his law practice as a partner in the firm of Leonard and Snyder in Lexington. He died in Lexington on November 28, 1971. Professional organizations: Gamma Eta Gamma Legal Fraternity; and Davidson County and North Carolina bar associations. House committees: (vice-chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts. State organizations: North Carolina Board of Elections, 1950-1954; and the North Carolina Courts Commission, 1963-1971. Political activities: Davidson County Republican Executive Committee, chairman; and the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee. Memberships: Lexington Civitan Club, president; and Lexington Parents' League, organizer and president. Baptist: deacon; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Sarah Frances Olive, Apex, Wake County, June 7, 1941. Children: Jean Olive Snyder Stubbs; and James E., Jr. Relatives in General Assembly: James Eugene Snyder, Jr., son (Davidson-House-1972).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1947; 1961-1965; 1969-1971.
 Updated sketch, Mrs. James Eugene Snyder, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), November 29, 1971.

SNYDER, JAMES EUGENE, JR. (1945-)

House, General Assembly of *1971-72; Republican, Thirty-first District, Davidson County. *Governor Scott appointed him on January 6, 1972, to replace his father who had died on November 28, 1971.

The son of James Eugene Snyder (1911-1971), a lawyer from Lexington, and Sarah Frances Olive, a teacher from Apex, Snyder was born in Lexington on June 30, 1945. One of two children, he attended the public schools of Lexington. Snyder earned a B.A. degree in 1967 at Wake Forest University where he played varsity basketball and tennis as well as served as president of his senior class. In 1970 he received a J.D. degree from the Wake Forest School of Law. That same year Snyder was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar and the North Carolina and United States tax courts. He started a law practice at the age of twenty-five and currently serves as a partner in the firm of Leonard and Snyder in Lexington. Professional organizations: Davidson County and North Carolina bar associations. Boards: YMCA; Davidson County Community College; and the United Fund, 1978. Political activities: chairman, Davidson County Republican Party, 1973-1974. Awards and honors: Morehead Scholarship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Memberships: Phi Delta Phi; and Omicron Delta Kappa. Baptist, deacon. Spouse: Sandra Craver, Davidson County, nurse, June 25, 1966. Relatives in General Assembly: James Eugene Snyder, father (Davidson-House-1947, 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1969, 1971). Relatives in state appointive office: James Eugene Snyder (State Board of Elections).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

SOLES, ROBERT CHARLES, JR. (1934-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Thirteenth District (1969-1972) and the Nineteenth District (1973-1976), Columbus County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Eleventh District, Columbus County.

Born in Tabor City on December 17, 1934, Soles was the son of Robert Charles Soles and Myrtle Norris. He attended Tabor City High School and earned a B.S. degree at Wake Forest College in 1956. Soles was enrolled at the University of North Carolina Law School, where he obtained a J.D. degree in 1959 and was a member of the North Carolina Law Review. He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1957 to 1967 and attained the rank of captain. Admitted to the State Bar in 1959, Soles currently operates a private law practice in Tabor City. Professional organizations: Columbus County, 13th Judicial District, North Carolina, and American bar associations; North Carolina Trial Lawyers Association; North Carolina Association of County Attorneys; The Association of Trial Lawyers of America; and the American Judicature Society. County positions: attorney, Columbus County, 1966-1972. Municipal positions: attorney, Tabor City, 1965. Educational organizations: Morehead Award Committee, U.N.C., 1960- ; trustee, U.N.C., 1969-1973; trustee, U.N.C., Wilmington; and president, Southeastern Community College Foundation, 1969-1976. Publications: "Domestic Relations: Effect of Community Property Laws on Interpretation of 'Gross Income' in North Carolina Alimony Without Divorce Award," North Carolina Law Review, 1959. Awards: Bancroft-Whitney Award. Memberships: Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; and Rotary Club, president. Baptist. Single.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

SOMERS, ROBERT VANCE (1937-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and 1977-78; Republican, Twenty-first District, Rowan County.

The son of Walter Vance Somers, an industrial laborer, and Ethel Owens of Iredell County, Somers was born in Statesville on November 21, 1937. One of three children, he was reared in Cleveland, Rowan County, and was graduated from Cleveland High School in 1955. Somers received a B.S. degree from Tennessee State University in 1960 and obtained a J.D. degree in 1963 from the University of North Carolina School of Law. Somers began a law practice in Salisbury at the age of twenty-six and served as a partner in the firm of Somers & Eagle. He ran for the United States Senate in 1968. Professional organizations: North Carolina Bar Association; North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers; and the American Trial Lawyers Association. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Law Enforcement and Crime Control. County positions: judge, Randolph County, 1964-1966; and solicitor, Randolph County, 1964; and prosecuting attorney, Rowan County, 1966-1968. Awards: fellowship for graduate study of law, Northwestern University. Methodist. Single.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1973; 1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SPEED, JAMES DAVIS (1915-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971; Democrat, Franklin County (1961-1966) and the Sixteenth District (1967-1972), Franklin County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Seventh District, Franklin County.

Born in Louisburg on January 30, 1915, Speed was the son of Henry Plummer Speed, a farmer from Louisburg and Addie Jeffreys, a nurse from Oxford, Granville County. One of four children, he was graduated from Gold Sand High School, Franklin County, in 1934. In addition, Speed attended North Carolina State College. As his major livelihoods he has been engaged as a farmer, agricultural businessman, and tobacco warehouseman. From 1948 to 1960 Speed served as supervisor of sales of the Henderson Tobacco Market. Professional organizations: Franklin County Farm Bureau, president, 1948-1949; North Carolina Farm Bureau; and the North Carolina Agribusiness Council. House committees: (chairman) Journal, Local Government, Agriculture; (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Conservation and Development, Water Resources and Control, Highway Safety, Penal Institutions, Public Buildings and Grounds. Senate committees: (chairman) Natural and Economic Resources; (vice-chairman) Agriculture. State organizations: Tar Heel Production Credit Association, executive committee. County organizations; Franklin County Board of Health, 1948-1968; and Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee, chairman, 1960-1964. Boards: vice-chairman, Franklin Memorial Hospital. Memberships: Mason, master, 1944-1945, and Shriner. Baptist. Spouse: Martha Ray Matthews, Franklin County, secretary, November 29, 1947. Children: Claudia; Robert Thomas; and James M. Relatives in General Assembly: Plummer Alston Davis, great uncle (Franklin-Senate--1891; House-1899-1900).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1961-1971; 1977.
Questionnaire, June, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

SPEROS, GUS (1923-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Democrat, Twenty-fourth District (1969-1972) and the Twenty-first District (1973-74) Robeson County.

Gus Speros was born in Maxton, Robeson County, on October 6, 1923, and was the son of Thomas K. Speros and Mary Aftanas. He was graduated from Maxton High School in 1940. Speros served in the 870th Signal Combat Battalion of the United States Army in the Pacific from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of sergeant. Speros is employed as a building and construction executive in Maxton, serving as president of Speros Construction Company, Inc. As a parallel career he held the position of president of Defiance of the Carolinas, Inc., manufacturers of precast concrete sewage disposal systems in Maxton. Since 1974 Speros has been semi-retired and has operated fishing, shrimping, and boating interests on the coast of South Carolina. Professional organizations: Associated General Contractors of America, board of directors; National Board of Realtors; Advisory Council of Small Business Administration, 1964-1968 (had testified before the 87th and 88th Congresses for Small Business Set-Aside in Construction); and the North Carolina Association of General Contractors Congressional Committee, chairman. House committees: (chairman) Conservation and Development; (vice-chairman) Conservation and Development, Rules and Operations of the House. State organizations: Commercial and Sports Fisheries Advisory Committee, chairman; and the Committee For the Reorganization of State Government. Municipal organizations: town council, Maxton, 1951-1953. Presbyterian. Spouse: Christine Lee, Dann, Harnett County, January 17, 1947. Children: Dr. Thomas Lee; Michael Gus; Steven Eugene; and Catherine Anne.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1973.
Updated sketch, April, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

SPOON, LeROY PAGE, JR. (1924-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Republican, Thirty-sixth District, Mecklenburg County. House minority leader.

Born in Athens, Georgia, on October 19, 1924, Spoon was the son of LeRoy Page Spoon, an engineer from Burlington, Alamance County, and Kathryn Theresa Warren of Atlanta, Georgia. He was reared in Charlotte and attended Central High School from 1939 to 1941. Spoon attended Clemson College, Boston University, and the Georgia Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946 as a combat infantryman in the European Theatre and served as an engineer during the Korean Conflict, 1950-1952. Spoon served in the North Carolina National Guard from 1953 to 1963 as a member of the 105th Combat Engineer Battalion, 30th Infantry Division and attained the rank of captain. At the age of twenty-four Spoon had began a career as an engineer in Charlotte. Later he attained the position of president of L. P. Spoon, Inc., an electrical and electronic manufacturers agent in Charlotte, and served as president of Switching Equipment Manufacturing, Inc., an electrical manufacturer and engraver. House committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations Committee on General Government and Transportation, Corrections, Highway Safety, Military and Veterans Affairs, Professional Law Enforcement Personnel and Practice, Rules. State organizations: North Carolina Crime Study Commission; North Carolina Youth Services Commission; and the North Carolina Drug Abuse Advisory Council, chairman. County organizations: Mecklenburg Mental Health Association, board of directors; and the Mecklenburg Drug Alcohol Board. Boards: (regent) Barium Springs Home For Children; and (director) Presbyterian Family Life Center. Memberships: Mason; Lions Club; Coast Guard Auxiliary; and the Lansdowne School Committee. Presbyterian: elder; and chairman, Christian Education Committee. Spouse: Ruth Elizabeth Atwell, medical profession, Mooresville, Iredell County, September 11, 1948. Children: Carolyn Christina; LeRoy P. III; and Wilfred.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

STALLINGS, DANIEL LIVINGSTON (1917-1978)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Second District, Craven County.

One of three children, Stallings was born in Bridgeton, Craven County, on July 19, 1917. He was the son of Robert Lee Stallings, a plumbing and heating contractor, from Merrimon, Carteret County, and Lillie Rachel Tingle of Vanceboro, Craven County. Stallings was graduated from New Bern High School in 1934 and Mars Hill College in 1936. He earned a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1938 and was elected Phi Beta Kappa. As early careers he worked in the fields of accounting and business administration. At the age of forty-five Stallings began a career in insurance and served as president of Stallings Insurance Service, Inc., in New Bern. As a parallel occupation he worked in real estate sales and management. While a member of the Senate he promoted regional planning organizations in the state and made contributions which improved the quality of education in North Carolina. Stallings was a strong supporter of Gov. James B. Hunt and introduced legislation for Hunt's competency and annual testing programs for school children. He had been re-elected to a fourth term in the Senate on November 7. Stallings underwent surgery in June and November, 1978, to correct a vascular problem; he died on December 20, 1978, at the Duke Medical Center in Durham from post-operative complications. Stallings was buried at Greenleaf Memorial Cemetery in New Bern. Professional organizations: North Carolina Independent Insurance Agents Association; and the Carolina Association of Mutual Insurance Agents. Senate committees: (chairman) Education, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Local Government. State organizations: Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, president; North Carolina Youth Services Advisory Committee, 1978; Governor's Commission to Study Public School Employees' Salaries; North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, president, 1970; and North Carolinians For Tax Reform chairman. County organizations: Craven County Board of Commissioners, 1962-1972, chairman, 1962-1970; Craven County Draft Board (under Selective Service Commission), chairman; and the Neuse River Regional Planning and Development Council (nine counties), president. Municipal positions: mayor, Bridgeton; and chairman, New Bern City Planning Commission. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; Elks; Moose; Woodmen of the World; and Civitan. Awards: "Civitan of the Year" award, 1960, Civitan "Citizen of the Year" award, 1962; and "Distinguished Citizen of the Year" award, North Carolina District East, Civitan International, 1971. Methodist, finance committee. First spouse: Evelyn Ricks, April 7, 1948. Children: Daniel L., Jr., New Bern; Mrs. Hugh B. Mills, Jr., New Bern; Mrs. Hal F. Humphrey, Jr., New Bern; and Joseph H., New York. Second spouse: Nell Newby, Forsyth County. Relatives in state appointive office: Robert Lee Stallings, Jr., brother (director, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.

Questionnaire, Nell N. Stallings, wife, May, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

The News and Observer (Raleigh), December 21, 1978.

STANFORD, DONALD McIVER (1926-1970)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, and *1969; Democrat, Orange County (1965-1966) and the Twentieth District (1967-1970), Orange County. *He died on May 5, 1970, and Governor Scott appointed Mrs. Donald M. Stanford to replace him on August 25, 1970.

Born in Orange County on May 7, 1926, Stanford was the son of Charles Whitson Stanford (deceased-May 2, 1970), an Orange County farmer, and Mary Willcox McIver of Orange County. He was reared on a farm and attended Chapel Hill High School, 1939-1942. Stanford was enrolled at North Carolina State College, 1942-1943, but received an A.B. degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1950. After college he entered the dairy business with his father and brother. Stanford later owned Stanford Farms in Orange County. He died of cancer at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on May 5, 1970. Death was attributed to acute kidney failure due to hypertension. Stanford was buried at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Orange County. Professional organizations: North Carolina Dairy Foundation, president; and the American Dairy Association of North Carolina, secretary-treasurer. House committees: (chairman) Library, University Trustees; (vice-chairman) Higher Education, Social Services. State positions: director, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, 1959, and chairman, Legislative Committee, 1960-1964; and the Research Triangle Planning Commission, 1960-1964. County positions: commissioner, Orange County, 1950-1964 (chairman, 1960-1964); and member, Orange-Person-Chatham-Lee Board of Health, 1960-1964. Municipal positions: director, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, 1964-1966. Political activities: president, Orange County Young Democrats, 1954. Awards: Young Man of the Year Award, Chapel Hill, 1958; and the O. Max Gardner Award, North Carolina Young Democrats, Sixth District (organizer), 1959. Memberships: Rotary International; and Jaycees. Presbyterian: deacon; and Sunday School superintendent. Spouse: Florence Patricia Denning, Harnett County (reared in Coral Gables, Florida), teacher and lawyer, June 30, 1949. Children: Donald M., Jr.; Randolph Lewis; Charles Ashley; and James Cooper. Relatives in General Assembly: Patricia Stanford Hunt, wife (Orange-House-1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78). Relatives in federal office: Richard Stanford (Orange and Person-United States House, 1797-1816, deceased April 9, 1816).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-1969.
 Questionnaire, Patricia S. Hunt, wife, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), May 6, 1970.
Durham Morning Herald, May 6, 1970.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1971-Resolutions.

STATON, WILLIAM WAYNE (1917-)

House, General Assembly of 1967; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Lee County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, 1973-74 and 1975-76; Democrat, Thirteenth District (1969-1972) and the Fourteenth District (1973-1976), Lee County.

The son of Oscar M. Staton and Mae Young, Staton was born in Union County on October 11, 1917. He attended Stoneville High School in Stoneville, Rockingham County, and Mount Ulla High School in Mount Ulla, Rowan County. Staton obtained a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1938 and completed his legal education at the Wake Forest Law School in 1941. He entered the United States Army as a private in 1942 and served until 1945. Staton was active in the European Theatre and received the Bronze Star For Valor for action during the Ardennes Campaign, 1945. He was discharged in 1946 after he attained the rank of captain of artillery. In addition, Staton served as a colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, North Carolina Army National Guard. He had been admitted to the State Bar in 1941 and studied at the U.N.C. Law School in 1946. Staton practices law in Sanford and serves as senior partner in the firm of Staton, Betts, Perkinson & West, P.A. He also serves on the board of directors and holds the position of general counsel for Golden Corral Corporation and serves on the board of directors of Midsouth Bank & Trust Company. Professional organizations: Lee County, Fourth Judicial District (president, 1964-1965), North Carolina, and American bar associations; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. Attorney: Sanford Board of Education, 1956-1972; Lee County, 1952-1954 and 1958-1960; Central Technical Institute, 1960-1972; Sanford, 1962-1964; and Carrboro, 1971-1976. Senate committees: (chairman) Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; Conservation and Development; Natural and Economic Resources; (vice-chairman) Constitution, Judiciary. Legislation authored: Aid to Private Colleges and Universities; Coastal Management Act; Artificial Fishing Reefs; Inclusion of Bysinosis as Compensable Industrial Disease; Loss of Hearing Caused by Harmful Noises Made Compensable as an Industrial Disease; Sedimentation Control Act; and Land Use Planning (latter two considered models for legislation in country). State organizations: North Carolina Veterans' Commission, 1966; Political activities: Lee County Democratic Executive Committee, 1948-1949; Young Democrats of North Carolina, president, 1951-1952; State Democratic Executive Committee, 1951-1952 and 1960-1964; Democratic National Committee, North Carolina, 1960-1964; and delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1952, 1956, and 1964. Trustee, Wake Forest University, 1953-1957, 1963-1967, and 1969-1973. Awards: honorary J.D. degree, Wake Forest University, 1971. Memberships: Sanford Chamber of Commerce, president; Elks; Moose; and Boy Scouts of America, Occoneechee Council, vice-president. Baptist: board of deacons; and teacher, Men's Bible Class. Spouse: Ellen Douglas Boone, June 28, 1947. Children: William W., Jr.; and Allyn Moore.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1975.

Updated sketch, March, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

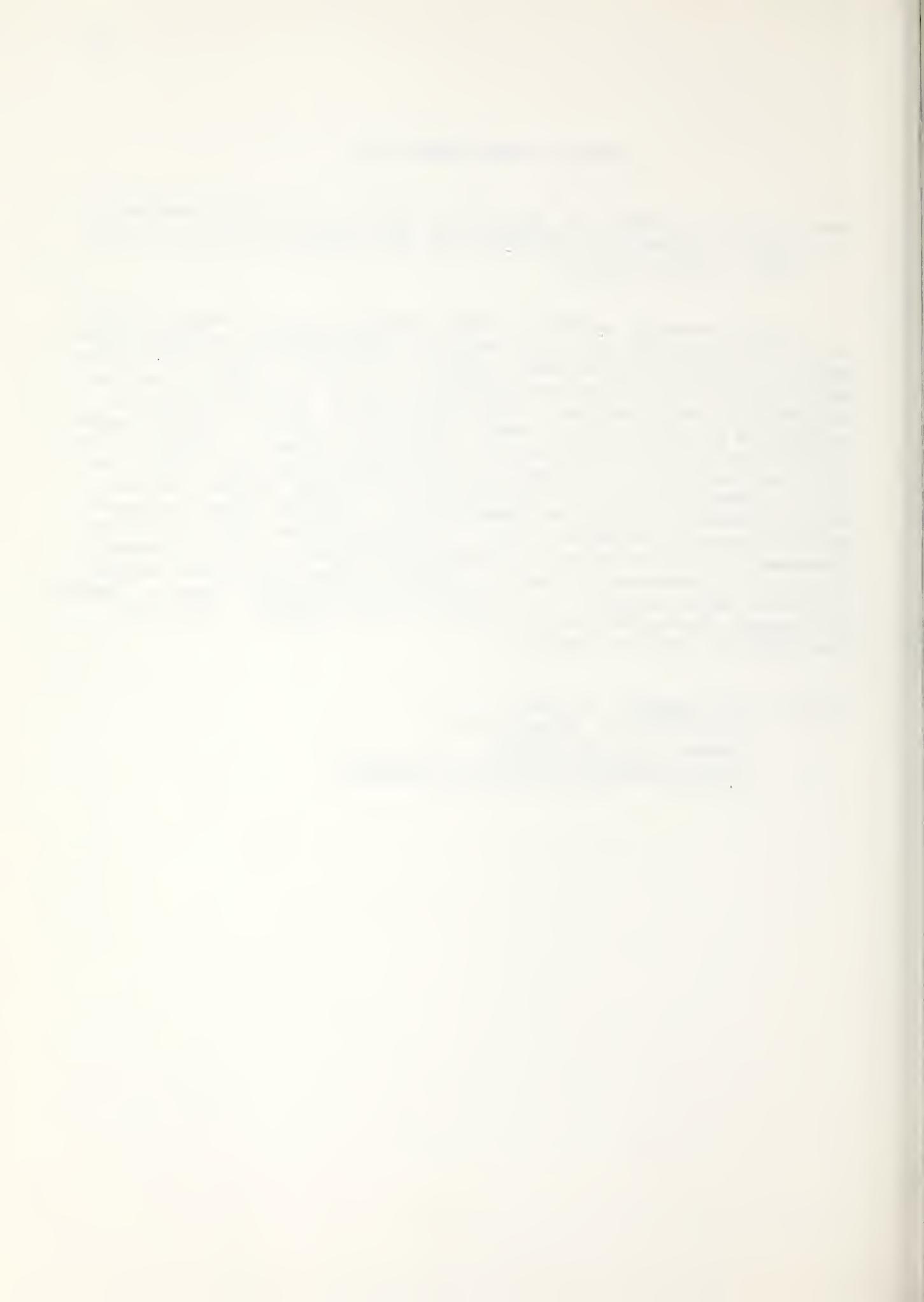
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

STEVENS, JOHN SHORTER (1933-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Forty-fifth District (1969-1972) and the Forty-third District (1973-1976), Buncombe County.

Born in Asheville on May 30, 1933, Stevens was one of three children of John Henry Stevens, a paving contractor from Asheville, and Viola Wyatt Shorter, a teacher from Callands, Virginia. In 1952 he was graduated from Christ School in Arden and received an A.B. degree in economics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1956. After serving as a corporal in the United States Army, 1957-1958, he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1961 from the University of North Carolina Law School. Admitted to the State Bar that year, at the age of twenty-eight Stevens began a law practice in Asheville. He is affiliated with the firm of Redmond, Stevens, Loftin & Currie. Professional organizations: Buncombe County and North Carolina (Board of Governors, 1974-) bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Judiciary, Rules; (vice-chairman) Finance, Banks and Banking, Water and Air Resources. Trustee: (president) Memorial Mission Hospital of Western North Carolina, Inc., 1976-1978. Presbyterian. Spouse: Imogene Lee Radeker, Washington, D.C., August 21, 1965. Children: John Brent; Wyatt Shorter; and Scott Radeker.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1975.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.



STEVENS, WILLIAM EDWARD, JR. (1922-)

House, General Assembly of *1973-74; Republican, Thirty-fourth District, Caldwell County. *Stevens resigned on February 24, 1974.

Born on February 10, 1922, in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Stevens was the son of William Edward Stevens, an accountant from Meridian, Mississippi, and Ruth Evadna Hickman, a business administrator from Bakewell, Tennessee. He moved to North Carolina with his family at the age of five and attended Lenoir High School, 1935-1939, and Culver Military Academy, 1939-1941. One of nine children, he was graduated with an A.B. degree in 1944 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Stevens had served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. After World War II he began a career as an administrator in the furniture business and currently holds the position of executive vice-president of Broyhill Furniture Industries, Inc., a furniture manufacturer in Lenoir. Professional organizations: Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association, chairman, board of directors. House committees: (vice-chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee On Education. State positions: president, North Carolina Citizens Association; and president, North Carolina Young Republicans, 1947-1949. Memberships: Kiwanis; and Mason and Shriner. Awards: Man of the Year, Kiwanis Club, 1949. Publications: Anvil of Adversity (book). Methodist: official board; finance chairman, and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Edith Allene Broyhill, Lincoln County, 1944. Children: James William; John Finley; Richard Davis; Mrs. Rebecca Osborn; Martha Allene; and Anne Elizabeth.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

STEWART, CARL JEROME, JR. (1936-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and *1977-78; Democrat, Forty-first District (1967-1972) and the Thirty-eighth District (1973-1978), Gaston County. *Speaker.

Born in Gastonia on October 2, 1936, Stewart was the son of Carl Jerome Stewart, a textile manufacturer from Cherryville, Gaston County, and Hazel Holland, a textile worker from Bessemer City, Gaston County. From 1950 to 1954 he attended Ashley High School in Gastonia. Stewart was graduated from Duke University with an A.B. degree in 1958. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, was named Atlantic Coast Conference Debating Champion, and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Winner of the Southern Regional National Moot Court Competition, Stewart was a national finalist in New York. He won a full scholarship to the Duke University Law School where he obtained an LL.B. degree in 1961. During his last year Stewart served as president of the law school student body. He began a law career at the age of twenty-five in Gastonia and became senior partner in the firm of Stewart and Lowe. Professional organizations: Gaston County, North Carolina, and American bar associations; North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers; and the American Trial Lawyers Association. House committees: (chairman) Banks and Banking, Appropriations, Water and Air Resources. State positions: Advisory Budget Commission, vice-chairman; and the Southern Regional Education Board (secretary-treasurer; chairman, Finance Committee; and member, Executive Committee). County organizations: Gaston Skills, Inc. (an organization to aid in rehabilitation of physically and mentally handicapped adults), director and president; Gaston Children's Center, board of directors and legal advisor; Gaston County Chapter, American Cancer Society, board of directors; and Gaston County United Appeal, general campaign chairman and president. Educational activities: president, Duke University Alumni Association; trustee, Greensboro College; and board of advisors, Gardner-Webb College. Awards: Outstanding Young Man of Year, Gastonia, 1965. Memberships: North Carolina District of Optimist International, state officer; Mason and Shriner; Greater Gastonia United Fund, general chairman, 1966; and Elks. Methodist: official board; and Sunday School teacher. First spouse: Kathryn Wesson (former Miss Gastonia), May 28, 1964. Children: Kathryn Elizabeth; Julie Anne; and Carl J. III. Second spouse: Donna Womble Peters, Raleigh, July 2, 1978 (in Jerusalem).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1977.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), June 29, 1978.

STIKELEATHER, JAMES GUDGER, JR. (1911-)

House, General Assembly of *1955-56; Democrat, Buncombe County. *He resigned from the House on July 11, 1956, to take a seat in the Senate. Hodges appointed Irving C. Crawford to replace Stikeleather on July 12, 1956.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Thirty-first District, Buncombe County. *Hodges appointed him to the Senate on July 15, 1956, to replace John F. Shuford who had resigned.

The son of James Gudger Stikeleather, a real estate salesman from Olin, Iredell County, and Nancy Weaver of Weaverville, Buncombe County, Stikeleather was born in Asheville on September 8, 1911. One of two children, he was graduated from Asheville High School in 1929 and received a B.S. degree in commerce at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1934. Stikeleather served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. He had begun a career in insurance at the age of twenty-three. Stikeleather presently serves as a partner in the firm of Aston, Stikeleather & Company, a general insurance and real estate agency in Asheville. In addition, he owns the J. G. Stikeleather Realty Company. Stikeleather also served as president of Carolina Federal Savings & Loan Association. Professional organizations: Asheville Real Estate Board; and the Asheville Insurance Agents Exchange, president, 1949-1950. Senate committees: (chairman) Appropriations, Education, Public Utilities. State positions: commissioner, 13th Division, North Carolina Highway Commission. Methodist, steward. Spouse: Dorothy Louise Kimberly, Buncombe County, November 6, 1937. Children: Jane; Rebecca; and James G. III. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert Love, great great grandfather (Buncombe-House of Commons-1793-94, 1794-95, 1795); Zebulon Baird Vance, cousin (Buncombe-House of Commons-1854-55); W. E. Weaver, grandfather (Buncombe-House-1881); T. M. Stikeleather, uncle (Iredell-House-1895; Senate-1901); Zebulon Weaver, uncle (Buncombe-House-1907-08, 1909; Senate-1913, 1915); Zebulon Weaver, Jr., cousin (Buncombe-Senate-1951, 1953); James Vernor Johnson (Iredell-Senate-1961, 1963, 1965-66). Relatives in state and federal office: Zebulon B. Vance (governor, 1862-1865 and 1877-1879; United States House, 1858-1859; and United States Senate, 1871-1873, 1879-1893); Zebulon Weaver (United States House, 1919-1929, 1932-1946); and James Gudger Stikeleather, father (commissioner, North Carolina State Highway Commission).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1957-1963.
Questionnaire, October, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

STOCKTON, JAMES HORNER (1903-)

House, General Assembly of 1963; Republican, Macon County.

The son of David Crockett Stockton and Norma Ledford, Stockton was born near Franklin, Macon County, on October 26, 1903. From 1916 to 1920 he attended Franklin High School and worked as a public school teacher in 1920. Stockton served as Register of Deeds and Tax Supervisor of Macon County, 1928-1930. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1933 and currently runs a private law practice in Franklin. As a parallel occupation he was employed as a rural mail carrier for thirty years. Professional organizations: Macon County, 30th Judicial District (president), North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: Appropriations; Counties, Cities and Towns; Education; Federal and Interstate Cooperation; Highway Safety; Judiciary; Justices of the Peace; Manufacturers and Labor; Penal Institutions; Public Welfare; State Government, Enrolled Bills. Municipal positions: attorney, Highlands, sixteen years. Memberships: Macon County Chapter, American Red Cross, finance chairman and director; Macon County March of Dimes, director, Highlands Community Hospital, trustee; and the Selective Service System, twenty years. Awards: Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Service (Selective Service), President of United States, July, 1962. Baptist: chairman, Board of Deacons and Finance Committee; and moderator, Macon County Baptist Association, 1944-1953. Spouse: Mildred Gertrude Blaine, October 26, 1925. Children: Barbara Stockton Perry; James H., Jr.; Martha Stockton DuBose; and Beverly Stockton Currin.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

STONE, THOMAS CLARENCE (1899-1969)

House, General Assemblies of 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, and 1947; Democrat, Rockingham County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1961, and *1963; Democrat, Fifteenth District, Rockingham County. *President of the Senate.

The son of Robert Tyler Stone, a banker, tobacco manufacturer, and wholesale grocer from Rockingham County, and Mary Starling Hamlin of Leaksville, Stone was born in Stoneville on January 19, 1899. One of five children, he was graduated from Stoneville High School in 1914. In addition, Stone earned a B.S. degree in 1919 from Davidson College. While in college he joined the S.A.T.C. in 1918, earned the rank of supply sergeant in the R.O.T.C., and served as business manager of the Davidsonian. Since the age of twenty-one Stone had operated a wholesale grocery known as Stoneville Grocery Company. He served as secretary, treasurer, and later president of the above organization. As a parallel occupation Stone had owned an insurance agency and held the position of secretary and treasurer of Superior Oil Company. While serving in the General Assembly, three of his major interests had included highway patrol, education, and the Medical School at the University of North Carolina. He had been a strong supporter of traffic safety legislation. Stone had been elected president of the Senate in 1961 upon the death of Lieutenant Governor Philpott. The highlight of his Senate service had been the passage of the controversial Speaker Ban Law. Stone had favored the law, and it had been rushed through the Senate and passed in about one-half hour. The law, which had banned Communists from speaking on campuses of state-supported colleges and universities, was declared unconstitutional in 1968. Stone died at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on January 16, 1969. He had been ill since January 6 and death was attributed to internal bleeding and other complications including pneumonia. Stone was buried in the Stoneville Cemetery. House committees: (chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Roads; Education; Public Utilities. Senate committees: (chairman) Wildlife, Mental Institutions. State organizations: Advisory Budget Commission; and the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission. Municipal positions: town commissioner and mayor, Stoneville. Political activities: president, Rockingham County Democrats; and member, Rockingham County Democratic Executive Committee. Memberships, Mason. Presbyterian, deacon. Spouse: Jane Kane (deceased) Gate City, Virginia, August, 25, 1925. Children: Mary Frances (deceased December, 1947). Relatives in General Assembly: William S. Stone, brother (Virginia-Senate).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1935-1947; 1955; 1961-1963.
Questionnaire, Charles Sanford Stone, brother, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), January 17, 1969.
The Session Laws of N.C., 1969-Resolutions.

STORY, PAUL JACKSON (1904-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, McDowell County.

The son of the Rev. J. C. Story and Hida Reynolds, Story was born in Sparta, Alleghany County, on October 21, 1904. He was graduated from Marion High School in 1921 and earned an A.B. degree from Davidson College in 1924. Story received his legal education from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1930. He practices law in Marion and serves as senior partner in the firm of Story, Hunter & Goldsmith, P.A. Professional organizations: McDowell County, (president, 1965-1971), 18th Judicial District (president, 1948-1949), and North Carolina bar associations; and the North Carolina State Bar (Councillor, 1951-1962, and chairman of Grievance Committee, 1958-1962). House committees: (vice-chairman) Constitutional Amendments. County positions: judge, McDowell County Criminal Court, 1938-1949. Trustee: McDowell County Technical Institute, 1965-. Memberships: Mason, district deputy grand master, Grand Lodge of North Carolina, 52nd Masonic District, 1948-1950; Phi Delta Theta (social fraternity, Davidson College); and Phi Alpha Delta (legal fraternity, University of North Carolina). Presbyterian: deacon; Sunday School superintendent, 1948-1954; and elder. Spouse: Helen Virginia Goldsmith, August 7, 1935. Children: Jaee Cameron Story; and Paul J., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1965.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1977.

STORY, THOMAS EDGAR (1888-1972)

House, General Assemblies of 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1955-56, 1959, and 1961; Republican, Wilkes County. Minority leader.

Senate, General Assembly of 1963; Republican, Twenty-fourth District, Wilkes County.

Born in Watauga County on March 11, 1888, Story was the son of Joshua Clingman Story, a farmer from Boone, and Martha Ann Day of Watauga County. One of fourteen children, Story received his high school education at the Appalachian Training School in Boone, 1905-1909. He attended Trinity College in Durham, 1909-1910, and earned an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1913. By 1919 Story obtained an M.A. degree from the above institution. He later studied law at the Wake Forest College Law School and was licensed to practice this profession in 1933. Story had began a career in education at Bayleaf High School at Neuse in Wake County, where he served as principal, 1913-1914. Subsequently, he served as principal of Oak Hill High School in Caldwell County, Trinity High School in Randolph County, and held the same position in Wilkesboro from 1924 to 1939. After 1939 Story established a law office in North Wilkesboro and continued practicing law until he was forced to retire because of declining health around 1970. He died on June 17, 1972, at Providence Convalescent Residence in Charlotte and was buried in Mountlawn Memorial Park in Wilkesboro. Story was reputed to have held more positions of leadership in civic organizations than any other resident of Wilkes County. Professional organizations: Wilkes County Teachers Association, president, 1927-1933; High School Principals' Division, North Carolina Education Association, president, 1924; Northwest Division of the North Carolina Educational Association, vice-president, 1931-1932; Northwest District Teachers Association, president, 1938-1939; National Education Association; and Wilkes County, 23rd Judicial District, North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Salaries and Fees. County positions: dry delegate, Wilkes County, 1933; Wilkes Manpower Commission, 1944; and judge, Wilkes County General Court, 1952. Municipal positions: town clerk, Trinity (Randolph County), 1922-1924; and vice-president, Wilkesboro Building and Loan Association, 1932-1939. Political activities: secretary, Wilkes County Republican Executive Committee, 1944-1954; Republican candidate for United States Congress, Eighth District, 1950; and chairman, North Carolina State Republican Executive Committee, 1952-1953. Honors: T. E. Story Scholarship Fund, Wilkes Community College. Memberships: North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, secretary, 1932-1958, and president; Mason, master; Grange, master; Knights of Pythias, chancellor commander, 1928-1929; Wilkes Scout District, vice-chairman, 1941-1943; Order of Eastern Star, worthy patron, 1939-1940; Woodmen of the World; and Wilkes Historical Society, president. Baptist: secretary, board of deacons, 1925-1940; Sunday School superintendent, 1927-1953; moderator, treasurer, and clerk, Brushy Mountain Association; and general board, North Carolina Baptist State Committee, 1949 and 1951. Spouse: Mary Clarissa Downs (deceased 1951), community of Oak Hill, Alexander County, teacher, September 3, 1918. Children: Thomas E. Jr. and Donald Downs, Wilkesboro; and Dr.

William Robert, Charlotte.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1941-1949; 1955; 1959-1963.
Questionnaire, William R. Story, son, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
North Wilkesboro Journal-Patriot, June 19, 1972.

STREET, J. DONT, SR. (1908-1972)

House, General Assembly of 1965-66; Republican, Mitchell County.

The son of Willie Clay and Sarah Elizabeth Street of Bakersville, Mitchell County, Street was born in that Mitchell County town on January 1, 1908. His father was employed as a farmer and salesman. Reared on a farm, Street attended Yancey Collegiate Institute in Burnsville as well as Mars Hill High School. In addition, Street was enrolled at Appalachian State Teachers College and East Tennessee State Teachers College. As an early career he taught in the public schools of Mitchell County for fourteen years. At the age of thirty Street began a career in governmental administration. He served for fifteen years as tax supervisor and county accountant for Mitchell County. During the term 1953-1954, Street held the post of acting postmaster of the United States Post Office in Bakersville. As a parallel occupation, Street operated a farm at Buladean in Mitchell County. Street died of a heart attack on September 21, 1972. House committees: Finance, Library, Local Government, Public Welfare, Salaries and Fees, Senatorial Districts, State Personnel, Wildlife Resources. County positions: Library board and commissioner, Mitchell County. Political activities: State Republican Executive Committee, 1952-1964; and delegate, 1960 Republican National Convention, Chicago. Memberships, Masonic Order. Awards: Service Award, Mitchell County (for thirty-six years service). Baptist: treasurer, Middle District, 1959-1960. Spouse: Buena Vista Hill, Mitchell County, July 28, 1928. Children: Mrs. June Clem, Oakton, Virginia; Mrs. Jean Hobson, Spruce Pine; Willie Clay III, Bakersville; Ronald Ted, Marion; and J. Dont, Jr., Bambridge, Maryland.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
 Questionnaire, Willie Clay Street III, son, August, 1978.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), September 23, 1972.
The Asheville Citizen, September 23, 1972.

STRICKLAND, ROBERT LOUIS (1931-)

House, General Assembly of 1963, Republican, Wilkes County.

One of two children born to Franz M. Strickland and Hazel Eaddy, a school teacher from Johnsonville, South Carolina, Strickland was born in Florence, South Carolina, on March 3, 1931. He moved with his family to North Carolina when he was two years old and was graduated from Asheboro High School in 1948. Strickland earned an A.B. degree in English at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1952. He served in the United States Navy Supply Corps, 1952-1955, and attained the rank of lieutenant. In addition, Strickland served in the United States Naval Reserve, 1955-1962. In 1957 he was graduated from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration with an M.B.A. degree (with distinction). Upon graduation from Harvard, Strickland began a career in the field of marketing with Lowe's Companies, Inc., in North Wilkesboro. He served as director and member of the executive committee, attained the post of senior vice-president in 1970, and currently holds the position of chairman of the board of Lowe's Companies, Inc. Strickland, who resides in Winston-Salem, writes the annual report of the company and has published numerous works on the growth and business analysis of the firm. In addition, he has served as a panelist in the investor relations field. Professional organizations: Sterling Advertisement, Ltd., founder, 1966; National Home Improvement Council, director and vice-president, 1972-1976; and the Revelstoke Cos., Ltd., Calgary, Canada, director. House committees: Appropriations, Banks and Banking, Courts and Judicial Districts, Expenditures of the House, Higher Education, Justices of the Peace, Propositions and Grievances, Water Resources and Control, Engrossed Bills. State organizations: North Carolina Scholastic Arts Foundation, director, 1975- ; and the North Carolina Board of National and Economic Resources, 1975-1976. Political organizations: Wilkes County Young Republicans; and the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee, 1963-1973. Trustee: Wilkes County Community College, 1964-1973. Memberships: Newcomen Society; Phi Beta Kappa; North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club, secretary and director; and Kiwanis International, delegate, 1962. Awards: Wilkes County Young Man of the Year, Wilkes County Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1962; Certificate of Distinction, Brand Names Foundation, 1970; and the Gold Oscar of Industry Award, Financial World, 1972. Presbyterian (former). Spouse: Elizabeth Ann Miller, Mississippi, February 2, 1952. Children: Cynthia Ann; and Robert Edson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.
 Questionnaire, October, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Who's Who in America, 1978-1979.

STRICKLAND, THOMAS EDWARD (1930-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967 and 1969; Democrat, Tenth District, Wayne County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1971, 1973-74, and 1975-76; Democrat, Ninth District (1971) and the Eighth District (1973-1976), Wayne County.

Strickland was born in Wayne County on June 16, 1930, and was the son of Willie Strickland and Weltha White Dail. He attended New Hope High School, 1945-1946, and Oak Ridge Military Institute, 1947-1948. After earning an A.B. degree in political science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1952, Strickland obtained an LL.B. degree from the Wake Forest Law School in 1955. He served in the United States Marine Corps, Judge Advocate General Corps, 1955-1957, and attained the rank of lieutenant. Strickland had been admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1955. He practiced law in Goldsboro with the firm of Strickland and Rouse and currently serves as senior partner of Strickland and Fuller, P.A. Strickland made an unsuccessful bid for the office of governor of 1976 Democratic gubernatorial primary. Professional organizations: Wayne County, North Carolina, and American bar associations; American Trial Lawyers Association; and the American Judicature Society. House committees: (vice-chairman) Constitutional Amendments, Library. Senate committees: (chairman) Higher Education, Correctional Institutions and Law Enforcement; (vice-chairman) Intergovernmental Relations, Appropriations. Bills sponsored: North Carolina Presidential Primary Law; law establishing minimum standards of training and minimum salaries for law enforcement officers in North Carolina; legislation establishing North Carolina Law Enforcement Council; and law establishing electronic voting in State Senate. State organizations: General Statutes Commission, 1969-1971; State Government Reorganization Committee; Pesticides Study Committee; Criminal Code Commission; and the Advisory Budget Commission, 1973-1974. Educational activities: chairman, New Hope School Advisory Committee, 1963-1966. Memberships: Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce; Grange; Farm Bureau; Mason; Committee of One Hundred; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Woodmen of the World. Methodist: lay speaker; and chairman, official board. Spouse: Shirley Lancaster, December 25, 1953. Children: Larry Thomas; and Ruth Ann.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1975.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

STRONG, CHARLES WALTER, JR. (1925-1973)

Senate, General Assembly of 1963; Republican, Seventeenth District, Guilford County.

Charles W. Strong, Jr., son of Charles W. Strong and Dekota Mae Barnes, was born in Appalachia, Virginia, on May 13, 1925. His family moved to Harlan, Kentucky, where he was graduated from high school in 1943. Upon graduation Strong attended officers' school of the United States Navy, 1943-1945. By 1963, however, he would be serving in the United States Army Chaplain Reserve as a captain. In 1946 Strong had earned an A.B. degree in political science and history at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky. Next, he entered the Oberlin College Graduate School in Oberlin, Ohio, where he received B.D. (Bachelor of Divinity) and S.T.M. (Master of Sacred Theology) degrees in 1951. From 1949 to 1959 Strong served as pastor of Pilgrim Christian Church in Chardon, Ohio. After resigning this position he moved to North Carolina and became minister of First Christian Church in Greensboro. Strong held this pastorate until 1964 when he resigned to run as a candidate in the Republican gubernatorial primary. He was defeated soundly by Robert L. Gavin. Strong was employed in the insurance business in Greensboro for a short time before organizing the First Christian Church in Walnut Cove, Stokes County, in 1965. Strong accepted the ministry of Central Christian Church in Flint, Michigan, in June, 1966, and he held this post until his death in 1973. He died of a stroke in Flint, Michigan, on June 6, 1973. Professional organizations: Greensboro Ministerial Association; Chardon, Ohio, Ministerial Association, president; Ohio Committee on Missions; United Nations Conference, delegate, 1952-1954; Washington Seminars For Good Government (National Council of Churches) delegate, 1957-1960; Observer to World Council of Churches, 1958; Genesee County (Michigan) Ministerial Association; State Board of Michigan Region, Disciples of Christ, 1970-1973; and New Church Development Commission of Michigan Region Disciples Churches, chairman. Senate committees: Wildlife; Retirement, Employment Security; Public Welfare; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; Journal, Engrossing, Enrolling and Printing; Interstate and Federal Relations; Constitution, Congressional Redistricting. State organizations: Governor's State House Conference on Education (Ohio), 1957-1958. Municipal organizations: Chardon (Ohio) School Board; and Precinct Committee, 1956-1959. Political organizations: Guilford County Republican Executive Committee, 1961-1962; and the North Carolina Republican Executive Committee, 1961-1962. Memberships: Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Government Affairs Committee and the Federal Intervention in State and Local Affairs Subcommittee; Mason; and the Holy Grail Commandery of Knights Templars, Flint. Boards (Greensboro): Red Cross; Cancer Society; Heart Fund; and Community Council. Spouse: Madge Margaret Sparks, April 11, 1946. Children: Charles W. III, Greensboro; Daniel Thomas, Flushing, Michigan; and Mrs. Rebecca Kontoulas, Greensboro.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963.

Updated sketch, Mrs. Charles W. Strong, Jr., April, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

Greensboro Daily News, June 7, 1973.

SUDDARTH, THOMAS HENRY, JR. (1923-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1975-76; Democrat, Twenty-first District, Davidson County.

The son of Thomas Henry Suddarth (deceased) and Oneita Springer, Suddarth was born in Newbern, Tennessee, on October 9, 1923. He was graduated from Gallatin High School, Gallatin, Tennessee, 1941. Suddarth served in the United States Army Infantry, 1943-1945, and attained the rank of sergeant. After his military service he was enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he earned a B.S. degree in commerce in 1948. Suddarth obtained an LL.B. degree from the U.N.C. Law School in 1951 and was admitted to the State Bar that year. While in law school he had served on the Board of Editors of the North Carolina Law Review. Suddarth held the position of law clerk to Chief Judge John J. Parker, United States Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, 1951-1952. Admitted to practice law before the U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, 1952, and the U.S. Supreme Court, 1968, Suddarth currently operates a private practice under the name of T. H. Suddarth, Jr., in Lexington. Professional organizations: Davidson County, North Carolina, 22nd Judicial District, and American bar associations; and permanent member, Judicial Conference, United States Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, 1958. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Judiciary. State organizations: Legislative Commission on Criminal Law and State Property, 1975- ; North Carolina Professional Malpractice Insurance Study Commission, 1975- ; and the North Carolina Criminal Code Commission, 1976- . County positions: solicitor, Davidson County, 1958-1962; attorney, Davidson County, 1962-1966; and chairman, Davidson County Democratic Executive Committee, 1962-1966. Memberships: Uwharrie Council Executive Board, Boys Scouts of America, 1956- ; and Lexington Kiwanis Club, president, 1971. Awards: Silver Beaver, 1973. Baptist: Sunday School teacher, Men's Class, 1955-1968 and Couple's Class, 1970-1973; and deacon, 1965- . First spouse: ? Children: Elizabeth Lee; and Thomas Sterling. Second spouse: Jeanne R. Suddarth, September 24, 1973.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

SUGG, JAMES RUSSELL (1931-)

House, General Assembly of 1967; Democrat, Third District, Craven County.

Born in Snow Hill, Greene County, on July 4, 1931, Sugg was the son of Wendell Davis Sugg, a Greene County farmer, and Natalie Joyner of the same county. He was reared on a farm and attended Jasper High School. Sugg was enrolled at Louisburg College, 1948-1950, and received an A.B. degree at High Point College in 1952. A member of the United States Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956, he served active duty in Japan, Okinawa, and Korea. Later Sugg served in the reserves and attained the rank of captain. He entered Wake Forest Law School in 1956 and obtained an LL.B. degree in 1959. Sugg was admitted to the State Bar in 1959 and at the age of twenty-seven began a law practice in New Bern. He serves as a partner in the firm of Sumrell, Sugg & Carmichael. Professional organizations: Craven County (president, 1972-1973), Third Judicial District, North Carolina bar associations. House committees: Appropriations, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Courts and Judicial Districts, Insurance, Judiciary, Manufacturers and Labor, Wildlife Resources. County positions: attorney, Craven County, 1973-. Municipal positions: attorney, Vanceboro. Memberships: Elks; and Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Methodist: superintendent, church school; teacher; and chairman, finance committee. Spouse: Jane Brinkley, Thomasville, Davidson County, March 29, 1958. Children: James Russell, Jr.; John Brinkley; and Samuel Johnstone. Relatives in state appointive office: Maynard Hicks, cousin (State Highway Commission).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
Questionnaire, Mrs. James R. Sugg, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

SUTTON, CHARLES CANDLER (1905-1969)

House, General Assembly of *1965-66; Democrat, Macon County. *Governor Moore appointed him to the House on November 11, 1965, to replace William G. Zickgraf who had resigned. Sutton took his seat on November 15, 1965.

One of five children born to Rufus Candler Sutton, an engineer from Jackson County, and Effie Mae Allison of Jackson County, Sutton was born in the abovementioned county on March 19, 1905. He was reared on a farm and was graduated from Western Carolina College with a degree in education. As an early career Sutton worked in the building and construction industry. At the age of thirty, however, he began a farming career in Macon County, and this served as his primary vocation. In addition, Sutton operated an agricultural business. Also, he served as an instructor at veterans training school. Sutton died of a heart attack on May 30, 1969, and was buried at the Clarks Chapel United Methodist Cemetery. County organizations, Macon County Board of Education. Methodist: Sunday School superintendent; and delegate, Annual Conference. Spouse: Hazel Virginia Penland, teacher, Jackson County, September 2, 1933. Children: Jerry, Franklin, Macon County; Mrs. Larry Potts, Brunswick, Georgia; and Mrs. Ronald Winecoff, Syracuse, New York.

Sources: Questionnaire, Charles Jerry Sutton, son, November, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The Asheville Citizen, May 31, 1969.

SWAIN, ROBERT STRINGFIELD (1921-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-sixth District, Buncombe County.

Born in Asheville on July 25, 1921, Swain was the son of John Edward Swain, a lawyer from Democrat, Buncombe County, and Mozelle Brewster Springfield, a music teacher from Wake County. He was graduated from Lee H. Edwards High School in 1939 and attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1939-1940, Biltmore College, 1940, and the University of New Mexico, 1941-1942. Swain served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of first lieutenant. After his military service Swain was enrolled at the University of North Carolina Law School, where he received an LL.B. degree in 1949. Upon graduation Swain immediately began a law practice in Asheville and operated under the name, Robert S. Swain. Professional organizations: Buncombe County (trustee and treasurer) and North Carolina bar associations; North Carolina Trial Lawyers Association; and (elected to) Who's Who in American Law. Senate committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations, Courts and Judicial Districts, Higher Education, Local Government and Regional Affairs, the University Board of Governors. Federal positions: United States Commissioner, Asheville District, 1951-1954. State positions: district solicitor, 19th District, Buncombe and Madison counties, 1955-1967. Political activities: president, Buncombe County Young Democrats. Memberships: Asheville Sertoma Club, president; and Moose International. Methodist: board of stewards; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: divorced. Children: Jennifer Ellen; Barbara Giffen; Patricia Ann; Robert Edward; and Katherine Anne.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.

SWANN, WILLIAM FRED (1915-)

House, General Assembly of 1963; Republican, Polk County.

Born in Lynn, Polk County, on October 15, 1915, Swann was the son of Fred Ellsworth Swann of Elizabethton, Tennessee, and Isabel Capps of Hendersonville, Henderson County. One of three children, he was graduated from Tryon High School in 1932. Swann attended the University of South Carolina and Wofford College. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the United States Army and attained the rank of corporal. Swann was employed as an accountant and worked for many years as office manager of Hatch Mill in Columbus, Polk County. Professional organizations, National Association of Accountants. House committees: Education, Engrossed Bills, Finance, Higher Education, Justices of the Peace, Local Government, Manufacturers and Labor, Penal Institutions, Public Welfare, Roads, State Government. Memberships: Tryon Fire Department; and Tryon Kiwanis Club, president, 1947. Congregational Church: deacon; and assistant church school superintendent, 1962. Spouse: Margaret Louise Kerhulas, Union County, South Carolina, teacher, February 15, 1937. Children: Anna Isabel; and Robert Fred. Relatives in General Assembly: William F. Swann (Polk-House-1917, 1919).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1917-1919; 1963.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

TALLY, LURA SELF (1921-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Twentieth District, Cumberland County.

The daughter of Robert Ottis Self, a native of Webster, Jackson County, and Sarah Sherrill Cowles of Wilkesboro, Tally was born on December 9, 1921, in Statesville. Her father served as chief clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission and was principal clerk of the Senate, while her mother taught music and piano prior to her marriage. One of three children, Tally was graduated from Broughton High School, Raleigh, in 1938. She attended Peace College and earned an A.B. degree in 1942 from Duke University. Later, she was enrolled at the North Carolina State University Graduate School of Education, where she obtained an M.A. degree in 1970. While at State she specialized in psychology and sociology. Tally is employed as a teacher and guidance counsellor in the Fayetteville City Schools. She had begun her teaching career at the age of twenty-one and had taught in Wake County. In addition, Tally teaches adult education at Fayetteville Technical Institute. Professional organizations: North Carolina Association of Educators; North Carolina Personnel and Guidance Association; National Education Association; American Association of University Women; and Business and Professional Woman's Club. House committees: (chairman) Higher Education; (vice-chairman) Appropriations, Appropriations Committee on Education, Human Resources, Mental Health. Commissions: Legislative Research; Juvenile Code Revision; and Governor's Advocacy Council on Children and Youth. State organizations: North Carolina Art Society; North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs; and the North Carolina Society for Preservation of Antiquities, president. County organizations: Cumberland County Mental Health Association, president; Cumberland County Mental Health Center, coordinator of volunteers; and Cumberland County Historical Society, president. Municipal organizations: Fayetteville Recreation Commission; and Fayetteville Woman's Club, president. Boards: North Carolina Symphony; Fayetteville Art Museum; and Fayetteville Little Theatre. Awards: Fanny Black Memorial Award, Fayetteville Business and Professional Women's Club. Methodist. Spouse: Joseph Oscar Tally (divorced, 1970), Cumberland County, lawyer, January 30, 1943 (in Raleigh). Children: Robert Taylor, Winston-Salem, lawyer; and John Cowles, Fayetteville, lawyer. Relatives in General Assembly: Charles H. Cowles, cousin (Wilkes-House-1905, 1907-08, 1921, 1923, 1929, 1933, 1939); Robert Ottis Self, father (Jackson-Senate-principal clerk, 1911-1919); Hamilton C. Horton, Jr., cousin (Forsyth-House-1969; Senate-1971, 1973-74). Relatives in federal positions: William H. H. Cowles, grandfather (United States Congress, 8th District, 1885-1893); Charles H. Cowles, cousin (United States Congress, 9th District, 1909-1911).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
 Questionnaire, June, 1978.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

TART, CHARLES GRAHAM (1918-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Democrat, Sampson County (1965-1966), Twelfth District (1967-1972) and the Nineteenth District (1973-1974), Sampson County.

Born in Sampson County on September 8, 1918, Tart was the son of Eura Morton Tart and Mollie McLamb. He was graduated from Westbrook High School in 1935 and earned an A.B. degree in history and mathematics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1939. Tart served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 and attained the rank of specialist A, second class petty officer. He teaches at Midway High School in Sampson County and also has farming interests. In addition, Tart operates a tourist business at Carolina Beach, New Hanover County. Professional organizations: National Education Association; North Carolina Education Association; Sampson County Classroom Teachers Association, vice-president, 1963-1965, and president, 1965-1967; and the Sampson County Farm Bureau Federation. House committees: (chairman) Health, Education; (vice-chairman) Counties, Cities, and Towns; Education; Public Welfare; Public Buildings and Grounds; State Personnel. State organizations: Governor's Study Commission on Public School Systems of North Carolina, 1967-1968; and the Education Commission on the States, 1967-1971. County positions: clerk of Superior Court, Sampson County, 1950-1954. Methodist. Spouse: Ellen Howerton Lewis, Raleigh, Juen 23, 1968.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-1973.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

TATE, EARL HENRY (1903-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963, 1965-66, and *1967; Democrat, Caldwell County (1963-1966) and the Forty-second District (1967), Caldwell County. *The attorney general declared Tate's seat vacant when he was sworn in as a member of the North Carolina Board of Health on September 15, 1967. Tate resigned from the board and on September 27 was reappointed to his former House seat.

Born in Spencer, Rowan County, on September 19, 1903, Tate was the son of William Wallace Tate and Emma Lassiter. From 1918 to 1922 he attended Lenoir High School and was graduated in 1925 from the University of North Carolina Pharmacy School. As a pharmacist he served as president and manager of Lenoir Drug Company in Lenoir. Professional organizations: North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association; and the National Association of Retail Druggists. House committees: (chairman) Health; (vice-chairman) Local Government, State Personnel, Institutions For the Deaf, Manufacturers and Labor. State organizations: North Carolina Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement Board, trustee, 1948-1954; North Carolina League of Municipalities, president, 1948; North Carolina Medical Care Commission, 1958-1961; North Carolina Local Government Commission, 1962; and the Governor's Committee on Employment of Handicapped, 1962. County organizations: Caldwell County Commissioners, chairman; Caldwell County Planning Council, chairman; and the Caldwell County Board of Health, 1937-1961. Municipal positions: mayor, Lenoir, 1937-1961; chairman, Lenoir-Morganton Airport Authority; president, Lenoir Chamber of Commerce, 1952-1954; and director, Lenoir Merchants Association, 1961-1962. Trustee: Caldwell Memorial Hospital, 1948-1961. Memberships: Mason and Shriner (potentate of Oasis Temple, Charlotte, 1961); Moose; Knights of Pythias Lodge; and the Royal Order of Jesters. Methodist: board of stewards, 1950-1952. Spouse: Kathryn Haynes, April 1, 1934. Children: Virginia (Mrs. Raymond Compton); Patricia (Mrs. Charles Weaver); and William Wallace II.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1967.
 Updated sketch, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.



TAYLOR, CHARLES HART (1941-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, *1969, and *1971; Republican, Forty-eighth District, Transylvania County. *Minority leader.

Senate, General Assembly of *1973-74; Republican, Twenty-seventh District, Transylvania County. *Minority leader.

Charles H. Taylor was born in Brevard on January 23, 1941. The son of Robert G. Taylor and Loe English, he was graduated from Brevard High School and earned a B.A. degree at Wake Forest University in 1963. Taylor received his legal education at the Wake Forest University Law School, where he obtained a J.D. degree in 1966. While enrolled at Wake Forest he co-founded and wrote for the Wake Forest Law Review. In addition, Taylor served as justice for the Timberlake Chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, 1965-1966; this organization was selected the outstanding chapter in the nation. Taylor also has completed short courses of study in forestry, appraisal, general investment and finance, and banking. In 1961 he had been licensed as the youngest broker in North Carolina. Taylor has been engaged in numerous business ventures since the mid 1960's in such fields as banking, finance, forestry and agriculture, real estate, and construction. Since 1966 he has served as managing director and general counsel of Transylvania Tree Farms and Southeastern Construction Company, Western Carolina Bank, Cary Savings and Loan, and Blue Ridge Savings and Loan. Taylor has written numerous articles and one book concerning the timber industry in western North Carolina. His book was entitled Timber Mortgage Loans, and his articles have appeared in the Southern Lumberman Woodworking Digest and the Wake Forest Law Review. Taylor has served in the United States Air Force Reserve. Professional organizations: American Forestry Association; Appalachian Lumberman's Association; registered forester (licensed in North Carolina); Society of American Foresters. House committees: (chairman) Subcommittee on Conservation and Development; (vice-chairman) Insurance. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Health. State organizations: Secondary Roads Council, 1974-1976; North Carolina Board of Transportation, 1976; North Carolina Energy Policy Council, 1975-1977; North Carolina Conservancy Corporation, chairman, 1977; North Carolina Consumer Council, director; and the North Carolina Center For Public Policy Research. Boards: (trustee) Brevard Music Center; (director) Brevard Chamber of Commerce, 1969-1973; (visitor) Wake Forest University; and (visitor) Western Carolina University. Political activities: director, National Republican Legislators Conference, 1969; member, North Carolina Republican Central Committee, 1968- ; and member, North Carolina State Republican Executive Committee, 1967- . Memberships: North Carolina 4-H, director of development fund; and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International Board. Award and honors: Outstanding Student, Phi Alpha Delta, 1966; Outstanding Service Award, North Carolina 4-H, 1969; Outstanding Alumni, Timberlake Phi Alpha Delta Chapter, 1976; (listed in) Dictionary of International Biography; Men of Achievement; National Social Directory; Who's Who in Government; and Who's Who in the South and Southwest. Baptist, North Carolina Baptist Foundation. Spouse: Elizabeth Bryan (Betty) Owen, November 21, 1970.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1973.
Updated sketch, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Who's Who in South and Southwest, 1976-1977.

TAYLOR, GEORGE RONALD (1952-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Nineteenth District, Bladen County.

Born in Elizabethtown on August 28, 1952, Taylor was the son of Miller Taylor and Lucille Carroll. His parents were natives of Elizabethtown and operated an agricultural business. Taylor was reared on a farm and was graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. degree in 1974. Since an early age he has worked in his family's business, Taylor Tobacco Enterprises, Inc., in Elizabethtown. After college he became secretary and sales manager of this firm, which sold and manufactured farm equipment. House committees: Agriculture, Base Budget, Corrections, Education, Manufacturers and Labor, Mental Health, Transportation, University Board of Governors. Memberships: Elizabethtown Junior Chamber of Commerce. Baptist: teacher; and associational director, brotherhood. Single.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.

TAYLOR, HERMAN WARD (1900-)

House, General Assembly of 1969; Democrat, Nineteenth District, Wake County.

Born in Magnolia, Duplin County, on June 6, 1900, Taylor was the son of Major Bayard Taylor, an agricultural businessman from Duplin County, and Mary Vance Ward, a teacher and housewife from Duplin County. One of two children, he attended Magnolia Graded School, 1906-1916, and was enrolled briefly at North Carolina State College in 1918. Taylor volunteered for the United States Army that same year, but his induction was delayed because he contracted Spanish influenza and bronchial pneumonia. After a short service Taylor received an honorable discharge on December 6, 1918. During the spring of 1920 he attended Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee, where he received four high school credits from the High School Department. In addition, Taylor attended New Hanover High School in Wilmington for two years and obtained a high school diploma in 1922. Taylor again was enrolled at North Carolina State College in September, 1922. He earned a B.S. degree in agricultural education in 1926 as well as an M.S. degree in agronomy in 1927 (valedictorian). While at North Carolina State Taylor served in the Army ROTC from 1922 to 1926. In addition, he served in the United States Army Infantry Reserve, 1926-1931, and attained the rank of cadet captain. Taylor was engaged in various occupations prior to joining the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service in 1928. He farmed, sold maps, worked for the Federal-State Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service, was employed by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station in fertilizer investigation work, worked for the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company in farm sanitation work in the state of Georgia, and inspected potatoes and peaches with the Federal-State Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Service in Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. For the next fifteen years Taylor served in various capacities with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. From July through December, 1928, he was employed as assistant county farm agent in Beaufort County. Taylor then moved to Edgecombe County where he served as county farm agent, 1929-1934. For the next year he took a leave of absence from Edgecombe County and North Carolina State College and worked as a senior economist with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture. Taylor moved to Raleigh on November 1, 1935, and took the position of swine subject matter specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, North Carolina State College. Taylor held this position until March 31, 1940, at which time he attained the position of marketing subject matter specialist. On November 1, 1942, he was named director of Alumni Affairs at North Carolina State College, a position he held until his retirement on June 30, 1965. During this period Taylor also served as secretary of the North Carolina State College Alumni Association and was editor of the Alumni News magazine. Under Taylor's leadership the alumni association grew from twelve clubs and an annual contribution of less than \$2,000, to 125 local organizations and yearly contributions of over \$70,000. Some of his major occupational activities after retirement include: lobbyist, North Carolina Fertilizer Manufacturers Association, 1967; receptionist and guide, North Carolina Museum of History, 1973-1977;

gubernatorial campaign staff of George M. Wood, 1976; and campaign staff of Jimmy Green (lieutenant governor) 1976. Professional affiliations: assistant chairman, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Committee to plan and supervise construction of the North Carolina State University Faculty Club (facility opened in May, 1963); and North Carolina State University Alumni and Student Aid Association. House committees: Agriculture, Constitutional Amendments, Finance, Higher Education, Public Utilities, State Personnel, University Trustees. State organizations: North Carolina Emergency Stabilization Task Group, chairman, 1966-1967; committee to survey flood damage on Roanoke and Tuckasegee rivers, chairman, 1940; State Legislative Committee for the Federation of the North Carolina Chapters of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, chairman; and North Carolina Retired Governmental Employees Association, state legislative chairman. Literary productions: managing editor, North Carolina State Agriculturalist, 1925-1926; author, First National Peanut Acreage Adjustment Contract, USDA, 1935; editor, A History of Alfred and Elizabeth Robinson Ward Their Antecedents and Descendants, 1945; co-author, A Legend in Stone, 1965; and editor, A History of William Taylor and Sarah Jones and Their Descendants, 1972. Awards and honors: "Tar Heel of the Week", The News and Observer (Raleigh) October 24, 1954; Recognition Luncheon, May 8, 1965; and the Watauga Medal, North Carolina State University, March 28, 1978. Memberships: Rotary International, president; Sons of the American Revolution; American Legion; Wake County Association of Retired Persons; National Association of Retired Federal Employees; North Carolina Retired Governmental Employees Association, Inc.; Raleigh Golf Association, stockholder and director; (listed in) Who's Who in South and Southwest; Who's Who in American Politics; president, North Carolina State University Forever Club, 1977; and president and secretary of the Alderman Historical Association. Methodist: official board; and president, two men's Bible classes. Spouse: Ruth Vernon Eborn, Beaufort County, county home demonstrator-teacher, August 24, 1929. Children: Charlotte Vance (Mrs. John Hardin Best), State College, Pennsylvania; and Herman W. Jr., Lexington, Virginia. Relatives in General Assembly: William Robinson Ward (b. June 26, 1817), great uncle (Duplin-House-1856-57, 1858-59; Senate-1864-65); Alfred Decatur Ward (b. December 25, 1859), cousin (Duplin-House-1893; Craven-Senate-1913, 1915); Maury Ward (b. September 8, 1863), cousin (Duplin-House-1897); George Robert Ward, uncle (Duplin-House-1917, 1925, 1927; Senate-1939); William Farrior Ward, cousin (Craven-House-1921, 1925; Senate-1929, 1931); Robert Grady Johnson (b. May 5, 1895), a cousin (Pender-Senate-1929; House-1931, 1933, 1935, speaker-1935); Norwood Eason Bryan, Jr. (b. January 10, 1935), cousin (Cumberland-House-1967, 1969, 1971, 1973-74). Relatives in state elective office: Charles M. Johnson, cousin (State Treasurer, 1933-1949).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
 Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Updated sketch, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The Journal of North Carolina State University, Vol. 9, number 6,
 March, 1978.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), October 24, 1954.

TAYLOR, HOYT PATRICK, JR. (1924-)

House, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and *1965-66;
Democrat, Anson County. *Speaker.

Senate, President, 1969 and 1971 (lieutenant governor, 1969-1973).

H. Patrick Taylor, Jr., was born in Wadesboro on April 1, 1924. He was the son of Hoyt Patrick Taylor (1890-1964), a lawyer from Winton, Hertford County, and Inez Wooten of Chadbourn, Columbus County. One of three children, Taylor attended McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, from 1940 to 1942. He earned a B.S. degree in 1945 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and received an LL.B. degree from the U.N.C. Law School in 1948. Taylor had served as a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps during World War II (1945-1946) and also was active during the Korean Conflict (1951-1952). Taylor was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1948 and currently operates a private practice under the name of H. Patrick Taylor, Jr., in Wadesboro. While serving as lieutenant governor of North Carolina during Robert W. Scott's administration (1969-1973), Taylor entered the Democratic Gubernatorial Primary in 1972. He was defeated by Hargrove Bowles in the second primary. Professional organizations: North Carolina Law Review, 1946-1948; and the North Carolina Bar Association (Board of Governors, 1958-1964). House committees: (chairman) Judiciary, Courts and Judicial Districts, Employment Security, Trustees of the Universities, Judiciary, Library, Public Utilities. State organizations: North Carolina Judicial Council, 1961-1963. Memberships: Civitan Club; American Legion; and (listed in) Who's Who in the South and Southwest. Methodist. Spouse: Elizabeth Lockhart, March 17, 1951. Children: Elizabeth Ann; Hoyt P. III; and Adam Lockhart. Relatives in General Assembly: Hoyt Partick Taylor, father (Anson-Senate-1937, 1939, 1943; president of Senate-1949-1953). Relatives in state elective office: Hoyt Patrick Taylor (lieutenant governor, 1949-1953).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1949; 1955-1965, 1969-1973.
Updated sketch, March and April, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.
Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1971-1972.

TAYLOR, NELSON WHITFORD III (1928-)

House, General Assembly of 1967; Democrat, Third District, Carteret County.

The son of Bayard Taylor and Jean Thackston, Taylor was born in Beaufort, Carteret County, on August 17, 1928. He was graduated from Beaufort High School in 1945 and attended The Citadel from 1945 to 1947. Taylor earned an A.B. degree in political science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1949. He was enrolled at the U.N.C. Law School, 1949-1951 and 1954-1955, and obtained a J.D. degree during the latter year. Taylor authored an article entitled "Net Worth Method in Tax Prosecutions" which appeared in the North Carolina Law Review, 1954-1955. From 1951 to 1954 he had served in the United States Navy as a supply officer. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1955 and presently serves as a partner in the law firm of Taylor and Marquardt in Morehead City. Professional organizations: North Carolina (Committee on Bar Notes, 1963-1966), Third Judicial District, and American bar associations; and the North Carolina Trial Lawyers Association. House committees: Appropriations, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Courts and Judicial Districts, Insurance, Judiciary, Roads, Water Resources and Control, Wildlife Resources. Municipal positions: commissioner, Fayetteville Housing Authority, 1957-1965; solicitor, Morehead City Recorders Court, 1965-1966; attorney (Morehead City, Newport, and Cape Carteret, 1968- , and Pine Knoll Shores, 1973-). Memberships: Fayetteville Junior Chamber of Commerce, president, 1957; Cumberland County Chapter, American National Red Cross, chairman, 1962-1965; and the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce, vice-president, 1966. Episcopalian: vestry; lay reader, three terms; choir director; and chancellor, Diocese of East Carolina, 1973-1976. Spouse: Nancy Derrickson. Children: three sons.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967.

Updated sketch, July, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

TAYLOR, WILLIAM CLAIR (1901-)

House, General Assemblies of 1937, 1939, and 1949; Democrat, Caswell County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1971; Sixteenth District, Caswell County.

One of three children born to Nathaniel Jesse Taylor and Ada Jane Pinchback, Taylor was born in Milton, Caswell County, on October 23, 1901. His father was a farmer and merchant from Milton while his mother was a native of Yanceyville. Taylor was graduated from Milton High School in 1919 and attended Guilford College. From 1920 to 1928 he served as deputy sheriff of Caswell County. Taylor had farmed all his life and also was employed as a merchant. He operated a farm and country store in Blanch, Caswell County. In addition, Taylor worked with the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Board from 1949 to 1959 and was employed with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture from 1961 to 1967. By 1971 he had retired from his farming business. House committees: (chairman) Penal Institutions; (vice-chairman) Blind. Senate committees: (chairman) Libraries; (vice-chairman) Public Roads. Memberships, Mason. Methodist: steward, 1930-1945; trustee, 1945-1960; and Sunday School teacher, 1945-1975. Spouse: Florence Toten Foster, Marion, South Carolina, rest home operator, April 26, 1924. Children: Anne Taylor Daniel; William Nathaniel; and John Bradsher.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1937; 1939; 1949; 1971.
 Questionnaire, Anne Taylor Daniel, daughter, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

TENNILE, MARGARET ROSE (1917-)
 (MRS. NORTON FORTUNE TENNILE)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-ninth District, Forsyth County.

Born in Hopewell, Virginia, on March 25, 1917, Tennile was the daughter of Robert Wilson Rose, a transportation services employee from Winston, Forsyth County, and Byrd McClure of Greensboro. She moved to North Carolina at an early age, was reared in Winston-Salem, and attended R. J. Reynolds High School, 1929-1933. In 1934 and 1935 Tennile was enrolled at Salem College in Winston-Salem. After working in the secretarial science field she entered governmental administration work. Tennile served as assistant to the mayor of Winston-Salem from 1961 to 1971 before gaining a seat in the General Assembly. Professional organizations: National Order of Women Legislators; and the Women's Forum of North Carolina. House committees: (vice-chairman) Banks and Banking, Rules. State commissions: Legislative Services; and the North Carolina Youth Services Commission, 1975. Municipal organizations: Winston-Salem Board of Education. Director: Forsyth Bank and Trust Company. Political organizations: Democratic Women of Forsyth County. Memberships: Army Advisory Board, secretary. Methodist: board of trustees; and board of stewards. Spouse: Norton Fortune Tennille (deceased), Guilford County, hotel manager, April 22, 1939. Children: Norton F., Jr.; Wilson R.; and Ben F. Relatives in General Assembly: Peter A. Wilson, great grandfather (Forsyth-House of Commons-1866-67; Senate-1868-69, 1869-70).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

THOMAS, ARTHUR WEBSTER, JR. (1924-1975)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and *1975; Democrat, Thirty-third District, Cabarrus County. *Thomas died on September 21, 1975, and his wife, Betty Dorton Thomas, was appointed to replace him effective October 21, 1975.

Born in Asheville on October 28, 1924, Thomas was the son of Arthur Webster Thomas and Nancy Davis. He was graduated from Concord High School in 1942 and served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946. Thomas earned a B.S. degree at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1947. He was engaged as an automobile dealer in Concord, where he served as president and general manager of Art Thomas Chevrolet. Thomas was killed in an automobile accident in Concord on September 21, 1975, after he apparently had fallen asleep in his car. He was buried at the Carolina Memorial Park in Concord. Professional organizations: North Carolina (director) and Cabarrus County automobile dealers associations; and Chevrolet Factory-Dealer Planning Committee, 1955, 1960, and 1967. House committees: (chairman) State Properties, Subcommittee on No-Fault Insurance, Subcommittee on Special Appropriations Bills; (vice-chairman) Appropriations, Insurance. State organizations: North Carolina Merchants Association; North Carolina Farm Bureau; North Carolina School Boards Association, director, 1966. Municipal organizations: Concord City School Board, chairman and vice-chairman, 1958-1966. Memberships: Concord Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, president; American Horse Show Association; American Saddle Horse Breeders Association; Concord Rotary Club, president; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mason (grand master) and Shriner; Concord Jaycees, president; and Salvation Army Advisory Board, chairman. Awards: "Young Man of Year", Jaycees, 1954. Methodist: chairman, board of trustees; Sunday School superintendent; and member, chancel choir. Spouse: Betty Marie Dorton, Shelby, Cleveland County, secretary and governmental administrator, April 3, 1948. Children: Tina, Terre, and Arthur W. III. Relatives in General Assembly: Betty Dorton Thomas, wife (Cabarrus-House-1975-76, 1977-78).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1975.
 Questionnaire of Betty Dorton Thomas, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), September 22, 1975.

THOMAS, BETTY MARIE DORTON (1923-)
 (MRS. ARTHUR WEBSTER THOMAS, JR.)

House, General Assemblies of *1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-third District, Cabarrus County. *She was appointed effective October 21, 1975, to replace her husband, Arthur W. Thomas, Jr., who died September 21, 1972.

Born in Shelby, Cleveland County, on September 10, 1923, Thomas was the daughter of Dr. Joseph Sibley Dorton, a Concord veterinarian, and Marie Susan Biggerstaff of Forest City, Rutherford County. She attended Shelby High School, 1936-1939, and received a B.S. degree in secretarial administration from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 1944. She was employed as a secretary and worked in 1944 as a stenographer in the District Office of Price Administration in Charlotte. Also she helped her father in the management of the Cleveland County Fair in Shelby, the Southern States Fair in Charlotte, and the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh. The Dorton Arena on the state fairgrounds was named in memory of her father, who served as manager for many years. Thomas served as president of Art Thomas Chevrolet, Inc., A. W. Thomas & Son, and Thomas Development, Inc., in Concord. Elected June, 1969, to an eight-year term on the Consolidated University of the North Carolina Board of Trustees, Thomas participated in the restructuring of the University. In addition, she was the first woman to be appointed to the Charlotte College board of trustees and served until it became the fourth campus of the Consolidated University. She also served on the annual giving council for the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1968-1970. Professional organizations, Business and Professional Women's Club. House committees: (vice-chairman) University Board of Governors Nominating Committee. Political activities: organizer (1961) and chairman, ten years, Democratic Women's Organization; chairman (first woman), the new Eighth Congressional District; and member, North Carolina Executive Committee of the Democratic Party. Memberships: Concord Junior Charity League, president and honorary life member; American Legion Auxiliary; board of directors, North Carolina United Way Committee, 1975; Crippled Children's Association; and the Heart Fund. Awards: Woman of the Year, Concord, elected October, 1976. Methodist: secretary, women of the church; trustee; council of ministries; and administrative board. Spouse: Arthur Webster Thomas, Jr. (deceased September 21, 1975), Asheville, automobile dealer, April 3, 1948. Children: Bettina Marie (Tina); Terresa Anne (Terre); and Arthur W. III (Tom). Relatives in General Assembly: Arthur Webster Thomas, Jr., husband (Cabarrus-House-1973-74, 1975).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

THOMASON, BENJAMIN WALTER (1893-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1959; Democrat, Thirty-second District, Transylvania County.

House, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Transylvania County.

A native of Greenville County, South Carolina, Thomason was born on August 15, 1893, and was the son of Benjamin Arnold Thomason and Emma Leake. He attended Furman Fitting School, 1915-1916, and served in the United States Navy as a chief petty officer in 1918. Thomason earned an A.B. degree from Furman University in 1921; four years later he obtained a Th.M. (Master of Theology) degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Brevard for eighteen years. During World War II Thomason served as a chaplain in the United States Naval Reserve and attained the rank of lieutenant senior grade. Thomason did not enter politics until he retired from the ministry in 1958. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Agriculture. House committees: (vice-chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Printing. Municipal positions: mayor, Brevard. Memberships, Mason. Spouse: Janette Martin, June 21, 1922. Children: Jeanne Meredith; Benjamin W., Jr.; and William Martin.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1959; 1965.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

THORNEBURG, LACY HERMAN (1929-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Jackson County.

Born in Charlotte on December 20, 1929, Thornburg was the son of Jesse LaFayette Thornburg, a mail carrier from Huntersville, and Sarah Ann Ziegler of Huntersville. He served in the United States Army as a private first class, 1947-1948. Thornburg attended Mars Hill Junior College in 1950 and received a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1952. Two years later Thornburg obtained an LL.B. degree from the U.N.C. Law School. Upon graduation he began a law profession at the age of twenty-four. Thornburg served as congressional staff assistant to Representatives David M. Hall (1959) and Roy A. Taylor (1960-1962). He practiced law with the firm of Hall, Thornburg and Holt and subsequently operated a private practice in Sylva, Jackson County. Governor Scott appointed him on July 26, 1971, to replace Thaddeus D. Bryson, Jr., as judge, Thirtieth District, North Carolina Superior Court. After completing Bryson's unexpired term, Thornburg was elected in the general elections of 1972 and still was serving in 1978. Professional organizations: North Carolina and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Election and Election Laws; (vice-chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts, Public Utilities, Senatorial Districts, Veterans Legislation. County positions: attorney, Jackson County. Municipal positions: attorney, Dillsboro and Webster. Political activities: Young Democrats, vice-president, North Carolina Western District; and organizer, North Carolina Twelfth District. Memberships: Mason; and Jaycee. Presbyterian: president, the Men of the Church, Sunday School superintendent; and deacon. Spouse: Dorothy Frances Todd, Avery County, teacher, September 6, 1953. Children: Sarah Frances; Lacy Eugene; and Jesse Todd.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1965.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

TISON, BENJAMIN THOMPSON III (1930-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-sixth District, Mecklenburg County.

Born in Charlotte on November 4, 1930, Tison was the son of Benjamin Thompson Tison, Jr., a trucker from Tarboro, South Carolina, and Bryte Washam, a nurse from Huntersville, Mecklenburg County. He was reared in Charlotte and was graduated from Central High School in 1949. Tison was enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he received a B.S. degree in business administration in 1953. He served in the United State Naval Reserve, 1953-1963, and attained the rank of lieutenant. Tison obtained a J.D. degree in 1958 from the U.N.C. Law School. He was admitted to the State Bar and briefly practiced law. At the age of twenty-nine Tison decided to begin a career in banking. In 1971 he attended the Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management at Harvard University. Tison attained the position of vice-president of North Carolina National Bank in Charlotte; he specializes in industrial development. Professional organizations, North Carolina Industrial Development Association. House committees: (chairman) Appropriations Committee on The Base Budget, Manufacturers and Labor; (vice-chairman) Economy. State organizations: Advisory Budget Commission; Economic Development Board, and White House Conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development, delegate. Presbyterian. Spouse: Roma Wornall, Kansas City, Missouri, December 12, 1971. Children: William Woodbridge; and Clay Wornall.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

TOLBERT, HOMER BROWN, SR. (1916-1976)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, and 1973-74; Republican, Thirty-ninth District (1967-1970) and the Thirty-fifth District (1973-1974), Iredell County.

One of nine children, Tolbert was born on February 25, 1916, in Statesville but resided in the community of Amity Hill in Iredell County. His parents, Herbert Booth Tolbert and Mary Elizabeth Stikeleather, hailed from Iredell County; his father farmed for a living. Tolbert was graduated from Troutman High School in 1933 and was engaged as a farmer for the remainder of his life. He operated Tolbert Farms in eastern Iredell County and raised wheat, cotton, and corn. Tolbert died of a heart attack on September 2, 1976, and was buried at the Cleveland Baptist Church Cemetery. Professional organizations: North Carolina Farm Bureau, director; North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association, director; the North Carolina Agricultural Stabilization Committee; and the Farmer's Home Administration Committee. House committees: (vice-chairman) Federal and Interstate Cooperation; Highway Safety; Local Government. State organizations, Governor's Advisory Committee on Comprehensive Health. Political activities, State Republican Executive Committee. Memberships: Cleveland Lions Club, first vice-president; and Wake Forest Club of Iredell County, president. Baptist: church treasurer, 1952-1956; Sunday School teacher, 1953-1969; church clerk, 1956-1968; and chairman, board of deacons, 1962-1964. Spouse: Nellie Ruth Tucker, Iredell County, December 19, 1936. Children: Homer B., Jr., and Carl P., Cleveland; and Mrs. G. Carroll (Carolyn) Jordan, Statesville.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1969; 1973.
 Questionnaire, Mrs. G. Carroll Jordan, daughter, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Statesville Record & Landmark, September 2, 1976.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1977-Resolutions.

TOMLIN, FRANCES ANN FISH (1924-)
 (MRS. EDWIN MERRILL TOMLIN)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Thirty-third District,
 Cabarrus County.

Born in Lincolnton on November 18, 1924, Tomlin was the daughter of Harry Albert Fish and Mildred Potter. In 1942 she was graduated from Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Virginia. She attended Southwestern at Memphis, Tennessee, and was graduated from Queens College in Charlotte in June, 1977. Tomlin currently works as a career agent for Southwestern Life Insurance Company in Concord. House committees: Agriculture, Education, Federal and Interstate Cooperation, Health, Wildlife Resources, Federal positions: delegate, White House Conference on Children, 1970. Municipal organizations: Concord City School Board, 1961-1965 and 1969-1973. Boards: Hornet's Nest Girl Scout Council. Presbyterian: president, Women of the Church, 1970. Spouse: Dr. Edwin Merrill Tomlin, June, 1946. Children: Ann (Mrs. Rayford Kennedy Adams, III); John Marc; Tracy Edward; and Michael Timothy.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

TOTHEROW, CARL DANIEL (1921-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twentieth District, Forsyth County.

Born in Belmont, Gaston County, on April 16, 1921, Totherow was the son of Clark C. Totherow, a minister from Franklin, Macon County, and Mattie Louise Hicks, a teacher from Marion, McDowell County. One of four children, he was graduated from R. J. Reynolds High School in 1937 and attended North Carolina State College. In addition, Totherow studied electronics at the Philco School of Engineering. At the age of twenty he began a sales career; Totherow presently serves as president and treasurer of Rawley & Apperson, Inc., an office supplier in Winston-Salem. From 1942 to 1946 he had served in the United States Air Force and attained the rank of sergeant. Professional organizations: Winston-Salem Retail Merchants Association, president. Senate committees: (chairman) Insurance; (vice-chairman) Appropriations Committee on General Government and Transportation, Veterans and Military Affairs. Municipal positions: vice-president, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Civil Preparedness Board. Memberships: Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, director; Sertoma International, international director; Mason and Shriner; and American Red Cross, chapter chairman. Methodist: trustee; chairman, administrative board; chairman, council on ministries; chairman, pastor parish committee; and chairman, finance committee. Spouse: Thelma Lowrey Hunter, Guilford County, January 23, 1943. Children: Carol (Mrs. James D. Peterson); and Beverly (Mrs. Joseph G. Seay).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, April, 1978.

Troxell, Samuel A. (1892-1978)

House, General Assemblies of 1967 and 1969; Republican, Thirty-fourth District, Rowan County.

Born in Lorane, Pennsylvania, on November 24, 1892, Troxell was the son of John E. Troxell and Sarah Ann Hertzog. He attended Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, 1909-1911, and received an A.B. degree from Catawba College in 1916. Troxell was graduated with a B.D. degree in 1919 from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After graduation he began a career in the ministry and between 1923 and 1931 held various positions of leadership in the former Reformed Church in the United States. Troxell had begun his ministry at the Ursinus United Church of Christ. He served as pastor of the Grace Reformed Church in Baltimore for sixteen years, and under his leadership the church was designed and constructed. Troxell was a member of the committee of merger with the Evangelical Synod of North American, which formed the Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1932-1935, now the United Church of Christ. He retired from the ministry in 1945. Troxell had begun a career in the life insurance business in 1937 and served as a special representative for the John Hancock Insurance Company in the Washington-Baltimore area. Troxell led in lives insured, 1940-1941, and made the Million Dollar Club, 1945-1953. From 1945 to June, 1977, he was active in church supply work in local churches and the Mount Pleasant area. Troxell died at Rowan Memorial Hospital on January 10, 1978, after a serious illness of one week. He was buried at Rockwell United Church of Christ Cemetery. House committees: Agriculture, Mental Health, Public Welfare, State Government, University Trustees. Municipal positions: mayor, Rockwell, 1957-1962. Political activities: member, Rowan County Republican Party. Memberships: Salisbury-Rowan United Fund, ten years (board of directors, two years); and Civitan Clubs of North Carolina, lieutenant governor, Zone 3, 1958-1959. Spouse: Trula May Bost, December 1, 1920. Children: Sarah Catherine Troxell Greene, Rockwell.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1969.

Updated sketch, Mrs. Samuel A. Troxell, March, 1978.

The Salisbury Evening Post, January 11, 1978.

TWIGGS, HOWARD FABING (1932-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, 1971, and 1973-74; Democrat, Nineteenth District (1967-1972) and the Fifteenth District (1973-1974), Wake County.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 27, 1932, Twiggs was the son of Samuel Warren Twiggs, a grist mill operator from Springfield, Mississippi, and Ruth Fabing, a nurse from Cincinnati, Ohio. His family moved to North Carolina when Twiggs was only one year old. He was graduated from Needham B. Broughton High School in Raleigh in 1950 and earned a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College in 1954. Twiggs received his legal education at the Wake Forest College Law School, where he obtained a J.D. degree in 1957. He served in the United States Army Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps from 1957 to 1963, and attained the rank of first lieutenant. Since he began practicing law at the age of twenty-three, Twiggs has been employed with various law firms. He had been admitted to the State Bar in 1957, the United States District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina in 1964, and the United States Supreme Court in 1972. Currently, he is a partner with Blanchard, Tucker, Twiggs, & Denson in Raleigh. Professional organizations: Wake County (chairman, executive committee, 1964), North Carolina, and American bar associations; Wake County Criminal Lawyers Association; The North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, board of governors, 1975-1978; and the North Carolina and American trial lawyers associations. House committees: (chairman) Social Services, Judiciary; (vice-chairman) Manufacturers and Labor, Highway Safety, Judiciary, Public Utilities, Mental Health. State organizations: Governor's Study Committee on Architectural Barriers, chairman, 1970-1972; Capitol Building Authority, 1969-1972; and the North Carolina Mental Health Association, president, 1972-1973. County organizations: Wake County Mental Health Association, president, 1965. Memberships: Raleigh Jaycees, president, 1963-1964; North Carolina Jaycees, legal counsel, 1964-1966; and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, director, 1963-1964. Awards: Distinguished Service Award, "Young Man of Year", Raleigh, 1965. Episcopalian. First spouse: Anne Russell Miller, June 7, 1958. Children: Elizabeth Anne; Mary Catherine; and Jennifer Margaret. Second spouse: Betty McBride, Nash County, landscape architect.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967-1973.
 Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

TYSON, HENRY McMILLAN (1914-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74 and 1977-78; Democrat, Twentieth District, Cumberland County.

Tyson was born in Fayetteville on October 31, 1914, and was the son of Henry Grady Tyson and Tommie Eula Marsh. His father was a native of Elizabethtown, Bladen County, and operated an agricultural business, while his mother was from Fayetteville. One of six children, Tyson was reared on a farm and was graduated from Grays Creek High School in 1934. In addition, he studied bookkeeping and accounting at the International Accountant's Society, Inc. Tyson was employed as a farmer and farm supply dealer and operated under the name of H. M. Tyson in Fayetteville. As a parallel career Tyson served as sales supervisor of the Fayetteville Tobacco Market for nine years. Professional organizations: North Carolina Farm Bureau; and the Cumberland County Livestock Association. House committees: (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Control. County positions: chairman, Cumberland County Commissioners, seven years; and charter member, Cumberland County Conservation Commission, 1946-1952. Memberships: Mason; Cape Fear Engineers Club; and Gray's Creek Ruritan Club, past president. Presbyterian, deacon. Spouse: Adeline Amelia Williams, Fayetteville, cosmotologist, June 16, 1940. Children: Carrie Eula; Henry M. II; and John Marsh.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1973; 1977.
Questionnaire, Kirby Thomason Tyson, daughter-in-law, March, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

UMSTEAD, JOHN WESLEY, JR. (1889-1968)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1931 and 1939; Democrat, Sixteenth District, Orange County.

House, General Assemblies of 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, and *1963; Democrat, Orange County. *Umstead resigned on March 13, 1963, and Governor Sanford appointed Luther J. Phipps to replace him on March 18, 1963.

The son of John Wesley Umstead and Lula Lunsford, Umstead was born in Mangum Township, Durham County, on April 7, 1889. He attended the public schools of Durham County until 1903 and was graduated from Mangum High School Mangum Township (first consolidated school in North Carolina). Umstead earned an A.B. degree in philosophy at the University of North Carolina in 1909. As his primary career he worked in the insurance business and served as an agent for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company. Umstead was a long-time proponent of improved mental hospitals in North Carolina. He visited mental hospitals in the state in 1945 and found them to be in terrible condition. Due to his efforts the State Hospitals Board of Control was created that year. This organization was the forerunner of the State Department of Mental Health. In 1953 he became chairman of the above agency which supervised operations of mental institutions in the state. Umstead led numerous efforts in the General Assembly to upgrade programs and facilities for the mentally ill. Umstead Hospital at Butner was named in his honor. Umstead was regarded as one of the more effective and colorful legislators of his time. In addition to mental health, Umstead promoted public schools and the University of North Carolina; he led the successful fight in 1943 to extend the public school term to nine months. Umstead died in Chapel Hill on August 21, 1968, after several years of declining health. Death was attributed to complications of Parkinson's disease. He was buried at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery. House committees: (chairman) Trustees of the University, Mental Institutions, Teachers and State Employees Retirement; (vice-chairman) Engrossed Bills. State organizations: Board of Trustees, Greater University of North Carolina, 1939-1968; Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, Greater University of North Carolina, 1945-1968; Commission on Merit System For Teachers, chairman, 1946; Study Commission on Education, 1948; and the State Grange. Awards and honors: honorary LL.D. degree, University of North Carolina, 1957; and honorary dinner, Chapel Hill, April 1962 (for work on behalf of mental health, public schools, and U.N.C.). Memberships: Mason; Elks, exalted ruler; Farm Bureau; and Junior Order United American Mechanics. Methodist. Spouse: Sallie Hunter Reade, Person County, January 20, 1914. Children: Frank Graham, Chapel Hill; Sarah Elizabeth, Chapel Hill; Ann (Mrs. Jack Maulsby), Chapel Hill; and John Wesley III (Captain, United States Marine Corps, killed in action, Saipan Island, June 14, 1944. Relatives in General Assembly: John Wesley Umstead, father (Durham-House-1897). Relatives in state and federal office: William B. Umstead, brother (United States House, 1933-1936; United States Senate, 1945-1946; governor, 1953-1954).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1931; 1939; 1941-1963.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), August 22, 1968.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1969-Resolutions.

UZZELL, GEORGE RANBOLPH (1903-1967)

House, General Assemblies of 1931, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1963, and *1965-66; Democrat, Rowan County.
*Speaker pro tem.

The son of Harry Marshall Uzzell, a mortician from Raleigh, and Geneva Vera Wright of Salisbury, Uzzell was born in Salisbury on November 23, 1903. One of eight children, he attended the graded schools of Raleigh and Salisbury and finished high school in Salisbury in 1921. Uzzell was enrolled at Davidson College, 1921-1923, and studied law at Wake Forest College, 1924-1926. He passed the state bar examination on January 25, 1926, and immediately began a law practice in Salisbury. Uzzell served as an attorney for the National Sand and Gravel Company as well as the Southern Railroad. In the General Assembly he was a strong supporter of educational measures and often promoted teacher pay raises. At the time of his death he held the longest legislative tenure of any living lawmaker and was an expert on parliamentary procedure. Uzzell died of cancer at Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury on July 31, 1967, after a three-month illness. He was buried at Rowan Memorial Park in Salisbury. Professional organizations: Rowan County (president), North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Rules, Judiciary, Banks and Banking, Unemployment Compensation, Election and Election Laws. State organizations: Commission of Reorganization of State Government; State Hospital Board of Controls; North Carolina Wildlife Federation; State Democratic Executive Committee; and the board of trustees, Consolidated University of North Carolina, honorary member. Memberships: Knights of Pythias, chancellor commander; Civitan Club, president; Woodmen of the World, president; and the Salisbury-Rowan Chamber of Commerce. Baptist: moderator; and teacher. Spouse: Ruth Harrison, Spencer, Rowan County, teacher, November 23, 1934. Children: Betty Ruth; and George R., Jr. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert Lee Wright, great uncle (Rowan-House-1901; Senate-1905, 1919-20).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1931; 1935-1947; 1951-1959; 1963-1965.
Questionnaire, Ruth Harrison Uzzell, wife, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh) August 1, 1967.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1969-Resolutions.

VARNER, JOHN WESLEY (1906-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirtieth District, Davidson County.

The son of James Milton Varner, a minister, and Mary Dora Plummer of Davidson County, Varner was born in Randolph County on September 30, 1906. One of eight children, he attended Rutherford College (high school and junior college) from 1922 to 1926 and earned an A.B. degree from Duke University in 1928. Varner received an M.D. degree in 1932 from the University of Tennessee Medical School. Furthermore, he studied psychiatry at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. After a brief career in teaching, Varner began a psychiatric practice at the age of twenty-six in Lexington. After a lengthy career in this profession he retired a few years ago. Varner had served in the North Carolina National Guard from 1954 to 1966 and attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Professional organizations: Davidson County and North Carolina medical societies; North Carolina Neuropsychiatric Association; and the American Psychiatric Association. House committees: (vice-chairman) Human Resources. Memberships, Mason. Methodist. Spouse: Willie Lee Jordan, Aiken, South Carolina, nurse, December 18, 1934. Children: Dr. Roy Van; John W., Jr.; and Virginia Jordan Varner Clifford.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.

VAUGHN, EARL WRAY (1928-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-1966, 1967, and *1969; Democrat, Rockingham County (1961-1966) and the Twenty-fifth District (1967-1969), Rockingham County. *Governor Bob Scott appointed him judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals on July 1, 1969, and he resigned from the office of Speaker of the House on July 2, 1969. Majority leader (1969) and Speaker (1967 and 1969).

Born near Reidsville on June 17, 1928, Vaughn was the son of John Henry Vaughn and Lelia Foster of Rockingham County. He attended Ruffin High School, 1941-1945, and was enrolled at Pfeiffer Junior College, 1945-1946. Vaughn served in the United States Army from 1946 to 1948 and attained the rank of sergeant. In 1950 he obtained an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and completed his requirements for a law degree at the U.N.C. Law School in 1952. After graduation he began a law practice with offices in Draper and Leaksville (later Eden) and served as a partner in the firm of Vaughn and Harrington. After his appointment in 1969 to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Vaughn was elected to a full term on November 3, 1970, and was reelected to another term in 1976. Professional organizations: Rockingham County (president), Wake County, North Carolina, and American bar associations; House committees: (chairman) Congressional Districts, Public Utilities, Courts and Judicial Districts, Commission on Federal and Interstate Cooperation. State organizations: Legislative Research Commission, co-chairman; and member, North Carolina Courts Commission (a study group that was instrumental in bringing about court reform in North Carolina), 1966-1970. Municipal positions: attorney, Draper, 1955-1967; attorney, Eden, 1967-1970; and solicitor, Leaksville Recorders Court, 1958-1960. Director: National Conference of State Legislative Leaders; Council of State Governments; Regional Education Lab For the Carolinas and Virginia; and the Raleigh Zoological Foundation, Inc. Trustee: Rockingham Community College; and Pfeiffer College. Political activities: president, Rockingham County Young Democrats, 1956; and secretary-treasurer, Rockingham County Democratic Executive Committee. Memberships: Draper Rotary Club, president; and the Tri-City Rescue Squad. Awards: Outstanding Young Men of American, 1969. Methodist: chairman, official board; and member administrative board. Spouse: Eloise Freeland Maddry, Chapel Hill, teacher, December 20, 1952. Children: Mark Foster; John Maddry; Stuart Earl; and Mary Rose. Relatives in General Assembly: Pierce P. Foster, grandfather (Rockingham-House-1897).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-1977.
Questionnaire, February, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
House Journal, 1969.

VENTERS, CARL VERNON (1906-1977)

House, General Assemblies of 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1963, and 1971; Democrat, Onslow County (1949-1960; 1963) and the Fourth District (1971), Onslow County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Fourth District, Onslow County.

Born in Richlands on January 18, 1906, Venters was the son of Wayne Brinson Venters and Julia Gibson Stephens of Richlands. His father operated an agricultural business. One of four children, he was reared on a farm and attended Richlands High School, 1918-1921. Venters received an A.B. degree in 1926 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and obtained an LL.B. degree from the U.N.C. Law School in 1929. At the age of twenty-four he began a law career and served on the editorial staff of Edward Thompson, Co., Law Publishers, Long Island, New York, 1930-1935. Next, Venters was employed as an associate member of the law firm of Milbank, Tweed & Hope of New York, New York, 1935-1943. Before returning to North Carolina in 1945, Venters served as an associate member of the law firm of Oliver and Donnally of New York, New York, 1943-1945. He practiced law in Jacksonville and attained the position of senior partner in the firm of Venters and Dotson. Venters fell ill with pneumonia in Jacksonville and died at Duke Medical Center on July 11, 1977. Professional organizations: Onslow County (president) Fourth Judicial District, and North Carolina bar associations; and the American Judicature Society. House committees: (chairman) Appropriations; Health; Local Government; Counties, Cities, and Towns. Senate committees: (chairman) Banking. State organizations: Advisory Budget commission, chairman, 1957-1958; and member, North Carolina General Statutes Commission. County positions: solicitor, Onslow County Criminal Court, 1947-1948. Municipal positions: attorney, Jacksonville, 1955-1977. Boards: First National Bank (Bank of N.C. NA); and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Memberships: Jacksonville Kiwanis Club, president; and Moose. Episcopalian, vestryman. Spouse: Margaret Dean Burnette, Florence, South Carolina, April 30, 1930. Children: Carl V., Jr., president, Durham Life Broadcasting Service, Raleigh; Wayne Burnette, physician, Jacksonville; and Margaret Gayle Gilbert, Charlotte.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1949-1959; 1963-1965; 1971.
 Questionnaire, Wayne Burnette Venters, son, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh) July 12, 1977.

VICKERY, CHARLES EUGENE (1943-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Sixteenth District, Orange County.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina, on September 22, 1943, Vickery was the son of Victor Van Vickery, an agricultural businessman and native of Central, South Carolina, and Edna B. Freeman of Pickens, South Carolina. He moved with his family to North Carolina at the age of four and attended Cool Springs High School in Forest City, Rutherford County. Vickery obtained a B.S. degree from The Citadel in 1965 and was graduated from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1968. He served in the United States Army Reserves from 1968 to 1974. Vickery began a career as an attorney at the age of twenty-three and presently operates a private practice in Chapel Hill under the name of Charles E. Vickery. Professional organizations: Orange County, Fifteenth Judicial District, North Carolina, and American bar associations; and the Phi Delta Theta Legal Fraternity. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts, Judiciary. State positions: assistant district attorney, Twenty-ninth Judicial District, 1970; and assistant district attorney, Fifteenth Judicial District, 1970-1971. Political activities: Orange County Democratic Party; and the State Democratic Party. Spouse: Jean Mary Marshall, Arlington, Virginia, economist, June 4, 1970. Children: Andrew Marshall.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.

VOGLER, JAMES BREVARD (1895-1972)

House, General Assemblies of 1937, 1939, *1941, 1945, 1947, 1951, 1955-56, 1957, 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Mecklenburg County (1937-1942; 1945-1948; 1951; 1955-1958; 1961-1966) and the Thirty-sixth District (1967-1972), Mecklenburg County. *Vogler resigned on January 30, 1942.

Born in Charlotte on April 13, 1895, Vogler was the son of John A. Vogler, a silversmith from Fort Mills, South Carolina, and Susan Caroline Alexander of Salisbury. He attended the public schools of Charlotte and Baird's Military Institute. As a early occupation Vogler worked in food processing, but his primary career was in the field of food merchandising. Vogler served as secretary of the North Carolina Food Dealers Association, which promoted food stores in North Carolina. He had served as secretary for the North Carolina Food and Grocery Distributors Code Authority during the National Recovery Administration and organized the food and grocery industry in North Carolina under N.R.A. In addition, Vogler had aided in the establishment of the U.S.A. Food Stamp Program in North Carolina during the Depression. Governor J. M. Broughton in January, 1942, appointed him director of the War Production Board Citizens Salvage Activities in North Carolina, and he served in this capacity until March, 1944. As a parallel career Vogler was engaged in the real estate business. During his legislative service, which at the time of his death totaled more terms (14) than any other legislator, he authored several important bills. Vogler led the fight to repeal the states food tax in 1941, established the Vocational Textile Training Act in 1941 which set up the North Carolina Vocational Textile School, co-authored bill to establish Charlotte and Carver colleges in Charlotte, co-authored legislation to establish the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and was responsible for the Legislative Retirement Bill in 1969, which provided pensions for ex-legislators. Vogler suffered a series of strokes that began in March, 1972, and died at the Wesley Nursing Center in Charlotte on December 15, 1972. He was entombed at Sharon Memorial Mausoleum in Charlotte. Professional organizations: National Retail Grocers Secretaries Association, director; National Association of Retail Grocers of America; National Association of Food Trade Executives, president; Fair Trade Council of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County; and the Southeastern Food Trades Executives Association. House committees: (chairman) Manufacturers and Labor; Counties, Cities and Towns; Public Welfare; Election and Election Laws; Public Buildings and Grounds; Printing; Blind; State Government. Awards: service award, Mecklenburg County Commissioners, the City of Charlotte, and the Mecklenburg County State Legislative Delegation. Publications: Carolina Food Dealer (a food trade magazine), publisher and editor. Trustee, North Carolina Vocational Textile School. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; Charlotte Optimist Club; Charlotte Exchange Club; Travelers Protective Association; and United Commercial Travelers. Methodist. Spouse: Lillian Raymelle Ketchie, Rowan County, June 12, 1916. Children: James B., Jr.; John J.; and Mrs. Louis H. Layne (Charlotte).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1937-1941; 1945-1947; 1951; 1955-1957; 1961-1971. Questionnaire, James B. Vogler, Jr., son, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

Sources: The Charlotte Observer, December 16, 1972.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), December 16, 1972.
The Session Law of North Carolina, 1973-Resolutions.

WALKER, RUSSELL GRADY (1918-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Sixteenth District, Randolph County.

Born in Conetoe, Edgecombe County, on August 26, 1918, Walker was the son of Ashley Walker, a construction industry employee from Edgecombe County, and Alene Stephen Bryant of Martin County. One of six children, he was reared in High Point and was graduated from High Point High School. Walker completed pilot training at the United States Army Air Corp Flying School (Air Force Reserve). He served in the United States Army Air Corps, 1941-1946, and the United States Air Force, 1947-1955. Walker's main line of employment was in food merchandising. He serves as president of Food Line Super Markets, Inc., a retail food chain with headquarters in Asheboro. Professional organizations: North Carolina Food Dealers Association; and the Supermarket Institute of North Carolina. Senate committees: (vice-chairman) Insurance. Municipal organizations: Asheboro City Council, 1961-1965. Political positions: chairman, State Democratic Party, 1970-. Memberships: Kiwanis Club, district lieutenant governor; Mason. Baptist. Spouse: Ruth Allen Brunt, Forsyth County, July 13, 1941. Children: Russell G., Jr.; Mrs. Susan Walker Smith; and Stephen Allen.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

WALLACE, JOSEPH PAUL (1905-1978)

Senate, General Assembly of 1943; Democrat, Eighteenth District, Montgomery County.

House, General Assemblies of 1945, 1947, 1949, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965-1966; Democrat, Montgomery County.

Born in Troy on October 29, 1905, Wallace was the son of James Rufus Wallace, a forester from Troy, and Abbie Louise Wooley of Candor. In 1925 he was graduated from Troy High School. Wallace was employed by the Standard Oil Company and operated a tire recapping and service station business in Troy. In addition, he sold and serviced automobiles. Wallace died on September 11, 1978, in Troy and was buried in the Southside Cemetery. House committees: (chairman) Journal; Engrossed Bills and Printing; Manufacturers and Labor; Employment Security. Municipal positions: board of commissioners, Troy, 1940-1942; and mayor, Troy. Director: Montgomery Dairy, Inc. (also secretary-treasurer); and Long Meadow Dairy, Durham. Trustee: Winston-Salem State University, sixteen years. Political activities: president, Montgomery County Young Democrats. Memberships: Rotary Club, president; Mason; and Troy Merchants Association. Methodist: church treasurer; chairman, board of stewards; and president, Men's Bible Class. Spouse: Miriam Rebecca McKenzie, Montgomery County, secretary, December 25, 1934. Children: Rebecca (Mrs. Robert A. Brown), Greenville; Susan (Mrs. Larry B. Long), Candor; and Carolyn (Mrs. Joseph Peel), Charlotte.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1943-1949; 1955-1965.
Questionnaire, Mrs. Joseph Paul Wallace, March, 1978.
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The News and Observer (Raleigh), September 12, 1978.

WALSH, JAMES WADE (1912-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1975-76; Democrat, Twenty-fourth District, Caldwell County.

On October 25, 1912, James Wade Walsh was born in Boomer, Wilkes County. His parents were William Cornelius Walsh, a farmer and sawmill worker from Wilkes County and Lula Triplett of the same county. Walsh attended Boomer, Ferguson, and Wilkesboro schools, 1919-1932. He was employed in various occupational fields during the early and middle years of his life. Walsh farmed, managed a service station, worked as a superintendent in an upholstery plant, and was employed by the Hibriten Chair Company in Lenoir. He had moved to Lenoir from Wilkes County around 1940. As his primary career he worked for twenty-one years with the Drivers License Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles in Lenoir. Walsh was employed as a drivers' license examiner and had attained the rank of sergeant when he retired in 1974 to run for the State Senate. Senate committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Finance, Judiciary, Law Enforcement and Crime Control, Transportation, Wildlife. Memberships: Mason; and Moose. Baptist, financial committee. Spouse: Winifred Blankenship, May 14, 1933. Children: James Ralph; Hazel Walsh Reid; and Linda Walsh Foster.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.

WALTON, RAY H. (1921-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1955-56 and 1963; Democrat, Tenth District, Brunswick County.

Born in Ash, Brunswick County, on July 2, 1921, Walton was the son of Amos J. Walton, a farmer from Jacksonville, Onslow County, and Carrie Bennett from Ash. One of six children, he was reared on a farm and attended Waccamaw High School, 1928-1939. Walton was enrolled at Spartanburg Junior College, Wofford College, and received an LL.B. degree from the Wake Forest College School of Law in 1950. Admitted to the State Bar that year, he began a law practice at the age of thirty-one. Walton works as a self-employed attorney in Southport. He had served as chief judge, Thirteenth Judicial District, 1968-1975. Professional organizations: Brunswick County, Thirteenth Judicial District, North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Education; (vice-chairman) Public Health, Veterans and Military Affairs. County organizations: Brunswick County Board of Education; and solicitor, Brunswick County. Municipal positions: attorney, Shallotte, 1953-1954. Memberships: Southport Lions Club, president; and Mason. Methodist: chairman, board of stewards. Spouse: Mae Parker, Kershaw County, South Carolina, teacher, October 27, 1946.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955; 1963.
Questionnaire, January, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

WARD, ALLEN COLON (1922-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Eleventh District, Brunswick County.

The son of Allen Ward, a farmer from Dillon, South Carolina, and Chellie Byrd of Dillon, Ward was born in Chadbourn, Columbus County, on July 19, 1922. One of seven children, he was reared on a farm and completed some high school. Ward served in the United States Navy, 1941-1942, and attained the rank of seaman first class. Ward is engaged in the petroleum products business and serves as president of Acme Oil Company in Shallotte. In addition to his oil enterprise, Ward operates an agricultural business and works in real estate sales. House committees: (vice-chairman) Education. Baptist. Spouse: Alfreida Nellie McLamb, Brunswick County, March 24, 1956. Children: Robert Allan; and Chellie Jacqueline.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, June, 1978.



WARLICK, GEORGE HUNTER (1931-1974)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, and *1973-74; Republican, Fortieth District (1969-1972) and the Thirty-seventh District (1973-1974), Catawba County. *Minority leader.

The son of Charles Ervin Warlick, Sr. (deceased), an insurance salesman from Gaston County, and Madge Emily Patterson, an insurance saleswoman from Kings Mountain, Warlick was born in Gastonia on August 1, 1931. He was reared in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County, and was graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1949. Warlick served in the United States Navy, 1951-1954; he participated in the Korean Conflict and attained the rank of petty officer second class. After the service he earned an A.B. degree from Davidson College in 1957 and obtained an LL.B. degree at the Duke University School of Law in 1960. While at Duke, Warlick served as associate editor of the Duke Law Journal, finished first in his class, and received the Willis Smith Memorial Award. Upon graduation he joined the Charlotte law firm of Dockery, Ruff, Perry, Bond, and Cobb. Warlick then moved to Hickory where he became an associate with George Hovey. Later he operated a private practice and specialized in real estate law. In addition, he served as an instructor in business law at the Lenoir-Rhyne College Evening Program, 1966-1967. Warlick also held the position of North Carolina consultant for the Boston College Industrial and Commercial Law Review. While a member of the General Assembly he authored the artificial insemination bill and advocated an amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina that would establish standards governing the incorporation of new towns and cities. Warlick was the first and (maybe the only) Republican to get a constitutional amendment passed in this century. He had undergone surgery in March, 1971, and had set out most of the 1974 legislative session because of poor health. Warlick died on October 5, 1974, at Glenn R. Frye Memorial Hospital in Hickory; he died of an illness brought on by a lengthy battle with cancer. He was buried at the Oakwood Cemetery in Hickory. Professional organizations: Catawba County, North Carolina, and American bar associations. House committees: (vice-chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee on Personnel and Long Range Planning, Higher Education, Judiciary, Local Government. State organizations: Advisory Budget Commission; Local Government Study Commission, 1969-1974; Law and Order Commission; and the Western Piedmont Council of Governments. Memberships: Kiwanis Club of Western Catawba County; Catawba County Chamber of Commerce; and the Hickory Jaycees, director. Methodist: president, Methodist Men, 1965; chairman, Long Range Planning Committee; choir member; Sunday School teacher; and official board. Spouse: Anna Grace Dell, Orange County, Florida, March 24, 1962. Children: Cherrie; and Anna Patterson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1973.
 Questionnaire, John Warlick and Cherrie Miller, brother and wife, December, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Hickory Daily Record, October 5, 1974.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), October 6, 1974.
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WARREN, LINDSAY CARTER, JR. (1924-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963, 1965-66, 1967, and 1969; Democrat, Eighth District (1963), Eleventh District (1965-1966), and the Ninth District (1967-1970), Wayne County.

Born in Washington, Beaufort County, on October 8, 1924, Warren was the son of Lindsay Carter Warren (deceased, December 28, 1976) of Washington and Emily D. Harris. His father was a lawyer, legislator, United States Congressman, and served as United States Comptroller General. Lindsay C. Warren, Jr., was reared in Washington, D.C., where he was graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1942. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the United States Coast Guard Reserve and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. In 1948 Warren received a B.S. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. In addition, he earned a J.D. degree from the U.N.C. Law School in 1951 and served as associate editor of the North Carolina Law Review, 1950-1951. Admitted to the State Bar in 1951, Warren currently is affiliated with the law firm of Taylor, Warren, Kerr & Walker in Goldsboro. Professional organizations: North Carolina (president, 1969-1970) and American bar associations; and Order of Coif. Senate committees: (chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts, Appropriations; (vice-chairman) Constitution, Higher Education, Election Laws and Legislative Representation, Alcoholic Beverage Control. State commissions and boards: North Carolina Courts Commission, chairman, 1963-1969; North Carolina Board of Higher Education, vice-chairman, 1965-1969; and the North Carolina Advisory Budget Commission, 1968-1970. Municipal organizations: Goldsboro Board of Education, 1959-1962. Trustee: Wayne County Memorial Hospital, 1958-1969. Presbyterian, ruling elder. Spouse: Grace J. Bowen, September 4, 1948. Children: Adrienne B.; Emily H., and Grace J. Relatives in General Assembly: Lindsay Carter Warren, father (Washington-Senate-1917, 1919-20-president pro tem, 1919-20); Beaufort-House-1923; Senate--1959, 1961). Charles F. Warren, grandfather (Beaufort-Senate-1887). Relatives in federal positions: Lindsay Carter Warren (United States Congress, First Congressional District, 1925-1940; United States Comptroller General, 1940-1954).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955; 1963-1969.

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WARREN, STEWART BETHUNE (1916-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1961, 1965-66, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, Ninth District, (1961), and the Tenth District (1965-1966; 1969-1972), Sampson County.

The son of John Calvin Warren, a farmer and merchant from Newton Grove, and Flora Belle Grantham of Grantham, Wayne County, Warren was born in Newton Grove on March 10, 1916. One of ten children, he was reared on a farm and attended the public schools of Newton Grove, 1922-1933. He was enrolled at Campbell College, 1933-1934, but received an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1937. By 1939 Warren had earned an LL.B. degree from U.N.C. Law School and was admitted to the State Bar. At the age of twenty-three he began practicing law and presently is affiliated with the law firm of Warren and Fowler in Clinton. Warren had served as a special agent of CIC and SIC from 1942 to 1946 and attained the rank of staff sergeant. Professional organizations: Sampson County, North Carolina, Fourth Judicial District, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Banking; Constitution; (vice-chairman) Education, Finance. County positions: attorney, Sampson County, 1952-1960; and attorney, Sampson County Board of Education, 1949- . Municipal positions: attorney, Clinton, 1960- . Political activities: chairman, Sampson County Democratic Executive Committee, 1946-1960. Trustee: Fayetteville State University, 1953-1973. Memberships, American Legion. Methodist. Spouse: Lottie Faye West, Craven County, June 28, 1947. Children: Betsy Faye; and George Stewart.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1961; 1965; 1969-1971.
 Questionnaire, February, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

WATKINS, JOSEPH ADAMS (1908-)

House, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Granville County.

Born in Granville County on May 25, 1908, Watkins was the son of John Stradley Watkins, a farmer and tobacco warehouseman from Granville County, and Belle Norwood from Granville. One of nine children, he was reared on a farm and attended Oak Hill High School, 1922-1927. In 1931 Watkins earned an A.B. degree from Wake Forest College. He taught until he reached the age of thirty-three when he settled on a career in automobile sales and service. Watkins was employed as an automobile dealer with Owen Motor Company in Oxford. Professional organizations: North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, president, 1958-1959; and member, National Automobile Dealers Association. House committees: (chairman) Public Utilities, Manufacturers and Labor, Insurance; (vice-chairman) Employment Security, Justices of the Peace, Salaries and Fees, Trustees of the University. Municipal positions: commissioner, Oxford, 1945-1954; and mayor pro tem, Oxford, 1953-1954. Director: Oxford National Bank; Oxford Credit Union; and the Granville County Chamber of Commerce (vice-president). Memberships: Oxford Kiwanis Club, president; and Mason. Baptist. Spouse: Doris Hassel Poole, Virgilina, Virginia, teacher (college level) October 1, 1938. Children: Jo Anna; and Doris Poole. Relatives in General Assembly: John Stradley Watkins, father (Granville-House-1923, 1925, 1927, 1945; Senate-1935, 1939, 1943, 1947; William Thomas Watkins, brother (Granville-House-1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, 1977-78; speaker pro tem, 1973-74).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1955-1965.
 Questionnaire, February, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WATKINS, WILLIAM THOMAS (1921-)

House, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, *1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Seventeenth District (1969-1972) and the Thirteenth District (1973-1978), Granville County. *Speaker pro tem and Democratic majority leader.

One of ten children, Watkins was born in Granville County on July 1, 1921. His parents were John Stradley Watkins (1879-1962), a farmer and tobacco warehouseman from Granville County, and Belle Norwood. Graduating from Oak Hill High School in 1939, Watkins attended Wake Forest College, 1939-1941, and Mars Hill Junior College, 1942. He served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946 and attained the rank of staff sergeant. After his military service Watkins was enrolled again at Wake Forest, where he earned a B.S. degree in 1949. In addition, Watkins received his legal education at the Wake Forest Law School; he obtained an LL.B. in 1952 and served as magister of the Phi Delta Phi Law Fraternity that same year. Since his admission to the State Bar in 1952, Watkins has practiced law in Oxford; he presently holds the position of senior partner in the firm of Watkins, Finch & Hopper. Professional organizations: Granville County, Ninth District, North Carolina, and American bar associations; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. House committees: (chairman) Base Budget; (vice-chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation, Courts and Judicial Districts, Appropriations Committee on Base Budget, Election Laws. County positions: attorney, Granville County. Municipal positions: attorney, Creedmoor and Oxford, 1955-1968. Baptist: Sunday School teacher, 1956-1960. Spouse: Louise Marie Best, November 18, 1944. Children: Alma Marie (Mrs. Martin L. Nesbitt, Jr.); and Annabell (Mrs. Jerry Barker). Relatives in General Assembly: John Stradley Watkins, father (Granville-House-1923, 1925, 1927, 1945; Senate-1935, 1939, 1943, 1947); Joseph Adams Watkins, brother (Granville-House-1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965-66).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1947; 1965; 1969-1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1963-Resolutions.

WEBB, ALFREDA JOHNSON (1923-)

House, General Assembly of *1971; Democrat, Twenty-sixth District, Guilford County. *Governor Scott appointed Webb to the House on December 31, 1971, to replace John McNeill Smith, Jr., who had resigned.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, on February 21, 1923, Alfreda J. Webb was the daughter of Bibb Gardner Johnson, a submarine mechanic from Andalusia, Alabama, and Cattie Avant, a teacher from Evergreen, Alabama. One of three children, she was reared in Mobile and Tuskegee, Alabama. Webb earned a B.S. degree from Tuskegee Institute in 1943 and received a D.V.M. (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) from the same institution in 1949. Two years later she received an M.S. degree in anatomy and physiology from Michigan State University. In addition, she studied at Kansas State University in 1946 as well as the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in 1965. From 1943 to 1945 Webb had taught mathematics at Tuskegee Institute High School and from 1950 to 1959 served as associate professor of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Tuskegee Institute. She and her family moved to North Carolina in 1959, and since that time Webb has served as professor of biology at North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro. In 1977 she was named coordinator of veterinary education at the above institution. Professional organizations: American Veterinary Medical Association; American Association of Veterinary Anatomist; North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association; and the Women's Veterinary Medical Association. Political activities: first vice-chairman, Guilford County Democratic Executive Committee, 1970-1972; president, Democratic Women of North Carolina, 1972-1974; first vice-chairman, North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee, 1972-1976; delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1974 and 1976; and minorities chairman, North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee, 1976-1978. Memberships: The North Carolina Sickle Cell Council; Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council; North Carolina Fellows Program Advisory Board; Volunteers to the Courts Board of Directors; N.A.A.C.P.; Guilford County Mental Health Advisory Board; Guilford College Board of Visitors; Greensboro City Schools Lay-Professional Human Relations Advisory Committee; Greensboro Human Relations Commission; and the Greensboro Citizens Association. Publications: "Microscopic Anatomy of the Skin Dogs", American Journal of Veterinary Research (April, 1954); and "Autoradiographic Patterns of Methionine -2-¹⁴C and Methionine 1-¹⁴C in Tissues of the Adult Rat". J. Nutrition Vol. 87 (1965). Awards: Leadership Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha, 1969; and Alumni Merit Award, Tuskegee Institute, 1972. Episcopalian: Sunday School teacher; and vestry. Spouse: Burleigh Carlyle Webb. Guilford County, dean, School of Agriculture, North Carolina A & T University, January 2, 1949. Children: Carl, Kathy, and Alfred.

Sources: Questionnaire, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.



WEBB, CHARLES EDWARD (1936-)

House, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Guilford County.

Born in Charlotte on December 29, 1936, Webb was the son of Sherrid Elliott Webb, an industrial laborer from McAdenville, Gaston County, and Belle Powers, a saleswoman from Shelby, Cleveland County. He was graduated from Charlotte Central High School in 1955 and attended Mars Hill Junior College, 1955-1957. Webb earned a B.S. degree in 1960 at Appalachian State Teachers College and was graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a B.D. degree in 1964. He had begun post-graduate work towards a Masters degree in 1965-1966. As an early career Webb had taught in the public schools of North Carolina, 1959-1961 and 1964-1965. At the age of twenty-nine he started a career in retail sales. Webb presently serves as part owner and manager of Hickory Farms at the Friendly Shopping Center in Greensboro. In addition, he owns the Charlestowne Pipe & Tobacco Shoppe, Forum VI, Greensboro. In 1978 Webb held the office of campaign manager and treasurer of the campaign to elect John Ingram to the United States Senate. Professional organizations: Greater Greensboro Merchants Association, board of directors, 1976-1977; and Friendly Shopping Center Merchants Association, president, 1972. House committees: (chairman) Natural and Economic Resources; (vice-chairman) Base Budget, State Government. State organizations: Governor's Follow-Up committee on Environmental Health, 1970; and the Conservation Council of North Carolina. Political activities: president, Guilford County Young Democrats, 1969. Awards: National Merchandising Award, Hickory Farms Franchises, 1971. Memberships: Greensboro Chamber of Commerce; Guilford County Humane Society, vice-president, 1977; and United Community Services Planning Committee, 1971- . Baptist. Spouse (former): Dorothy Cox, March 19, 1964. Children: Letisha.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WEBSTER, WESLEY DAVIS (1923-)

House, General Assemblies of *1969 and 1971; Democrat, Twenty-fifth District, Rockingham County. *Governor Bob Scott appointed him to the House on July 27, 1970, to replace Earl Vaughn who had resigned.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1973-74, 1975-76, and *1977; Democrat, Fifteenth District, Rockingham County. *Webster resigned on September 15, 1977, to become an administrative aide in the Department of Transportation.

Born in Madison on September 15, 1923, Webster was one of five children of Henry Samuel Webster, a merchant from Madison, and Mabel Gray Davis of Galax, Virginia. He attended the city schools of Madison and was graduated from high school in 1942. Webster served in the United States Army in Germany, 1943-1945, and attained the rank of staff sergeant. He was engaged in the banking and finance business. Webster served as vice-president of People's Bank of North Carolina in Madison. In addition, he worked as a merchant, serving as vice-president of H. J. Grogan Hardware, Inc., in Madison. Webster presently serves as an administrative aide in the Department of Transportation in Raleigh. Professional organizations: Madison Merchants Association, president. Senate committees: (chairman) Public Utilities; (vice-chairman) Finance. State commissions: Advisory Budget; Legislative Services; and Utility Review, chairman. County positions: commissioner, Rockingham County, 1958-1970, (chairman, 1964-1970). Boards: North Carolina Association of County Commissioners; Rockingham County Health; and Rockingham Community College, trustee. Memberships: American Legion, commander; and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Methodist. Spouse: Wanda Grogan, July 10, 1943. Children: Wesley Dodd; and Mrs. Connie W. Fearing.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1971-1977.
 Questionnaire, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WEEKS, CAMERON ST. CLAIR (1910-)

House, General Assembly of 1941; Democrat, Edgecombe County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1953, 1955-56, and 1965-66; Democrat, Fourth District (1953-1956) and the Seventh District (1965-1966), Edgecombe County.

Cameron S. Weeks was born in Tarboro on November 19, 1910. He was the son of George Earle Weeks, a dentist from Tarboro, and Lena Rivers Pittman of Tarboro. Weeks attended Tarboro High School and earned an LL.B. degree at the University of North Carolina Law School in 1936. He was admitted to the State Bar that year and at the age of twenty-five began a law practice. Weeks presently serves as senior partner with the firm of Weeks, Muse and Surlles in Tarboro. Professional organizations: Edgecombe County; Nash, Wilson and Edgecombe, president; North Carolina; and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Judiciary, Courts and Judicial Districts; (vice-chairman) Propositions and Grievances, Judiciary. County positions: solicitor, Edgecombe County Recorders Court, 1941-1942; and judge, Edgecombe County Recorders Court, 1942-1944. Boards: (director) Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, 1954; (trustee) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1957-1973; and (trustee) University of North Carolina, Greensboro. Political activities: State Democratic Executive Committee, 7th District, 1952-1954; and first president, Young Democrats, U.N.C., Chapel Hill. Presbyterian. Spouse: Glennes Worthen Dodge, Wilmington, Massachusetts, law office assistant, December 18, 1935. Children: Ronald Dodge.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1941; 1953-1955; 1965.
 Questionnaire, Glennes D. Weeks, wife, July, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

WEST, HERMAN HARLEY (1910-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961 and 1963; Republican, Cherokee County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1969; Republican, Thirty-third District, Cherokee County.

Born in Cherokee County on July 30, 1910, West was the son of David Bruce West, a farmer from Cherokee County, and Nina Ensley of Johnston County. One of twelve children, he quit school at the age of twelve to haul wood to a local tanning extract company. During the twenties and thirties West worked mostly as a day laborer with clearing gangs on power company and Tennessee Valley Authority projects. In 1940 West began his own land-clearing, contracting business, and with gradual success he was able to incorporate his Murphy-based company in 1947. Subsequently, his firm began taking jobs throughout the country, and by 1964 the Herman H. West and Company was the largest wholly-owned as well as the second oldest land-clearing contracting firm in the country. West and his firm had been credited by the United States Bureau of Reclamation with accomplishing the toughest land-clearing job in the United States in 1959. That project was clearing timber from 7,800 acres of land for the Flaming Gorge Reservoir in the Red Gorge of the Red Canyon along the mighty Green River on the Utah and Wyoming border. West presently serves as president of his massive land-clearing corporation. As a politician West was a maverick Republican and sided with his own convictions instead of party order. He opposed his party in 1961 when he favored the food tax proposed by Governor Sanford to finance a better educational system. House committees: Banks and Banking, Conservation and Development, Employment Security, Higher Education, Insurance, Mental Institutions, Public Utilities, Roads. Senate committees: Alcoholic Beverage Control, Appropriations, Conservation and Development, Correctional Institutions and Law Enforcement, Highway Safety, Public Roads, Public Welfare. Methodist. Spouse: Margie Bryson, Cherokee County, March 17, 1932, (in Hiawassee, Georgia). Children: Maurice E.; Marlin B.; Wallace A.; Robert; and Roger. Relatives in General Assembly: David Bruce West, father (Cherokee-House-1947); Wayne Grade West, second cousin (Clay-House-1961, 1963).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1961-1963; 1969.
 Questionnaire, N. White, secretary, July, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Asheville Citizen-Times, July 26 and August 2, 1964.

WEST, WAYNE GRADE (1906-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961 and 1963; Republican, Clay County.

Born in Andrews, Cherokee County, on June 15, 1906, West was the son of John Bryant West and Media Ann Wright both of Andrews. His father operated an agricultural business while his mother worked in child care. One of twelve children, West was reared on a farm and was graduated from Andrews High School. He served in the United States Army from 1929 to 1958 when he retired as a colonel. After his military service West returned to his home county to farm. House committees: Appropriations, Commissions and Institutions for the Blind, Highway Safety, Journal, Local Government, Military Affairs, Public Buildings and Grounds, Veterans' Legislation, Library. County positions: commissioner, Clay County. Memberships, Mason. Baptist, deacon. Spouse: Mildred Barnard, Macon County, teacher, June 8, 1930. Children: Ronald W.; Ramona M.; and Wanda R. Relatives in General Assembly: W. Bruce West, first cousin, (Cherokee-House-1947); Leonard Walter Lloyd, nephew, (Graham-House-1957, 1959, 1961); Herman Harley West, second cousin (Cherokee-House-1961, 1963; Senate-1969).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-1963.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

WHICHARD, WILLIS PADGETT (1940-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971 and 1973-74; Democrat, Eighteenth District (1971) and the Sixteenth District (1973-1974), Durham County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirteenth District, Durham County.

Born in Durham on May 24, 1940, Whichard was the son of Willis Guilford Whichard (deceased), a teacher and principal from Whichard's Station, Pitt County, and Beulah Padgett, a teacher from Clay County. An only child, he attended the city schools of Durham, 1946-1958, and obtained an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1962. He received his legal education at the U.N.C. School of Law where he served on the board of editors of the North Carolina Law Review and earned a J.D. degree in 1965. Whichard served as law clerk to Justice (later Chief Justice) William H. Bobbitt of the North Carolina Supreme Court, 1965-1966. Admitted to the State Bar in 1965, Whichard currently serves as a partner in the firm of Powe, Porter, Alphin & Whichard, P.A., in Durham. From 1966 to 1972 he had served as an enlisted man in the Headquarters Detachment of the North Carolina Army National Guard. Professional organizations: Durham County, North Carolina, Fourteenth Judicial District, and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Water and Air Resources. Senate committees: (chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts, State Government. State organizations: Southern Growth Policies Board, vice-chairman, 1975- ; North Carolina Legislative Research Commission, 1971-1973 and 1975-1977 (chairman of Subcommittee on Motor Vehicle Laws); Governor's Advisory Committee on Youth Development, 1972-1973; North Carolina General Statutes Commission, 1969-1973; Transition of Youth, Inc., Board; and the Senior Citizens Coordinating Council, 1972-1975. Publications: "Limiting Confidential Communications in Counseling", Personnel and Guidance Journal, (September, 1970); and "The Legislature and the Legislator in North Carolina", Popular Government, (Spring, 1975). Awards: Distinguished Service Award, "Young Man of the Year", Durham, 1971; Outstanding Youth Service Award, North Carolina Juvenile Correctional Association, 1975; and the Outstanding Legislator Award, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, 1975. Memberships: Durham County Chapter of the National Foundation, March of Dimes, chapter chairman; Durham County Chapter, American Red Cross, board member; Durham Jaycees; Kiwanis Club of Tobaccoland; and the University of North Carolina Law Alumni Association. Baptist. Spouse: Leona Irene Paschal, Chatham County, biochemist, June 4, 1961. Children: Jennifer Diane; and Ida Gilbert. Relatives in General Assembly: Guilford M. Moring, grandfather (Pitt-House-1911); R.T. Coleman, great uncle (Clay-House-1901, 1907-08).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1971-1977.
Questionnaire, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

WHICKER, GILBERT WAYNE (1935-)

House, General Assembly of 1967; Republican, Thirty-first District, Davidson County.

One of nine children, Whicker was born in the community of Midway in Davidson County on December 13, 1935. His parents were Roy A. Whicker, a carpenter from Midway, and Ila Brendle, a housewife and factory worker from the same community. In 1953 he was graduated from North Davidson High School and later attended Reynolds Technical School and Wenoca Evening Schools at Western Electric Company. Whicker served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957 and attained the rank of specialist second class. He began a career in sales at the age of thirty and currently is employed as a wholesale distributor for the Carswell Distributing Company, Inc., in Winston-Salem. House committees: Appropriations, Engrossed Bills and Expenditures of the House, Employment Security, Highway Safety, Journal, Military and Veterans Affairs, Salaries and Fees. Political organizations: State Republican Executive Committee; Sixth District Republican Executive Committee, treasurer; and the Davidson County Republican Executive Committee. Methodist: assistant superintendent; and class president. Spouse: Lois Marie Hill, Davidson County, real estate saleswoman, October 15, 1965. Children: Michelle Ann.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1967.

Questionnaire, Marie Whicker, wife, October, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

WHITE, EUGENE MORRISON (1912-)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-fourth District, Caldwell County.

Born in Stony Point, Alexander County, on December 25, 1912, White was the son of Arthur Wellington White, an accountant from Alexander County, and Julia Deal, a boarding house operator from the same county. One of seven children, he was graduated in 1932 from Claremont Central High School in Hickory. White earned a B.A. degree in math and science from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1936. He served in the United States Army, 1942-1943. White obtained an M.A. degree in school administration from Appalachian State University in 1965. At the age of twenty-three White began a teaching career in the North Carolina public schools. For thirty-six years he worked as a teacher, principal, supervising principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. White had attained the position of superintendent of the Caldwell County Schools in Lenoir prior to his retirement around 1972. Professional organizations: North Carolina Association of Educators (director, Division of School Superintendents). House committees: Agriculture, Education, Finance, Highway Safety, Local Government, Public Utilities. State organizations, Governor's Study Commission on North Carolina Public Schools. Boards: (director) Catawba Valley Executives Club; and (trustee) Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton. Memberships: Lenoir Rotary Club, president. Lutheran, church council. Helen Love Price, Salisbury, teacher, June 30, 1945. Relatives in General Assembly: William E. White, grandfather (Alexander-Senate-1891, 1895).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

WHITE, FRANK STEED (1911-1973)

House, General Assembly of *1973; Democrat, Twenty-first District, Robeson County. *White died in office and was replaced by Henry Ward Oxendine.

The son of Earl Logan White and Mamie Steed of Randolph County, White was born in that county on July 23, 1911. Reared on a farm, he attended Mountain Park Institute in 1931, studied a business course in 1932, and was enrolled at High Point College in 1933. White moved to Robeson County about 1938 and entered the tobacco warehouse business. He served as manager of the Liberty Tobacco Warehouse in Lumberton, the Growers Tobacco Warehouse, Winston-Salem, and the Growers Tobacco Warehouse, Carrollton, Kentucky. In addition, White operated Pembroke Implement Company and managed a livestock business at Pates, Robeson County. He served as a director of the Scottish Bank of Pembroke as well as the First Union National Bank (1954-1973). Following several months of illness White died of cancer on March 10, 1973. He died in Lumberton and was buried at the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church Cemetery. Professional organizations: Lumberton Warehouse Association, president, 1961; and the Lumberton Tobacco Board of Trade, president, 1967. House committees: Agriculture, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Conservation and Development, Election Laws, Local Government, Wildlife Resources. State organizations: North Carolina Zoological Authority, 1969-1973. County organizations: Robeson County Board of Education, December, 1952-April, 1953; and Robeson County Board of Commissioners, April, 1953-1958. Memberships: Elks; and Mason and Shriner. Methodist: chairman, board of trustees. First spouse: Nellie Short. Second spouse: Margaret Buie, Robeson County, bank teller and business assistant, July 31, 1957. Children: Thomas Michael (by her former marriage); Frank S., Jr.; and Margaret Elizabeth.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
Questionnaire, Mrs. Frank S. White, October, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
The Robesonian (Lumberton), March 11, 1973.
The News and Observer (Raleigh) March 11, 1973.
The Session Laws of North Carolina, 1973-Resolutions.

WHITE, JACK HUTCHINS (1925-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66, 1967, and 1969; Democrat, Thirty-first District (1965-1966) and the Twenty-ninth District (1967-1970), Cleveland County.

The son of Emmett White and Hannah Elizabeth Hutchins, White was born in Winston-Salem on July 2, 1925. He was graduated in 1943 from Charles L. Coon High School in Wilson and immediately entered the United States Army. White served until 1946 and attained the rank of sergeant. He earned his B.S. and LL.B. degrees from Wake Forest College in 1951. White was admitted to the State Bar that year and practiced law in Kings Mountain. In 1978 he served as assistant district attorney in the Twenty-seventh Judicial District. Professional organizations: Cleveland County (president, 1962), North Carolina, and American bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Local Government; (vice-chairman) Judiciary, Salaries and Fees, Finance. Municipal positions: solicitor (1951-1953) and judge (1953-1964), Kings Mountain Recorder's Court. Memberships: Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity; Alpha Sigma Phi Social Fraternity; and Alpha Psi Omega Dramatic Fraternity. Baptist: trustee, 1957-1959; deacon, 1959-1961; and teacher, Adult Bible Class, 1957-. Spouse: Dorcas Louise Cline, June 10, 1950. Children: Jack H., Jr.; Nancy Love; and Alyson Elizabeth.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965-1969.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

WHITE, THOMAS JACKSON, JR. (1903-)

House, General Assemblies of 1953, 1955-56, and 1957; Democrat, Lenoir County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, and 1967; Democrat, Seventh District (1961-1964) and the Fifth District (1965-1968), Lenoir County.

Born in Concord on March 6, 1903, White was the son of Thomas Jackson White, a farmer from Cabarrus County, and Mary Isabelle Culp, a teacher from Quaero, Texas. One of six children, White moved with his family for a few years to Kershaw County, South Carolina around 1915. He was graduated from Charlotte University School in 1917, Bailey Military Institute in 1919, and Concord High School in 1920. White attended North Carolina State College from 1920 to 1922 as well as the University of North Carolina Law School, 1924-1927. While in law school White served as student editor of the North Carolina Law Review. He had served in Company E, 120th Infantry of the North Carolina National Guard from 1921 to 1924. White was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in February, 1927, and practiced law in Durham until November of that year. Since that time White has operated a law practice in Kinston and currently serves as senior partner in the firm of White, Allen, Hooten, Hodges & Hines, P.A. Professional organizations: Lenoir County (president, 1952), 6th Judicial District (president, 1954), North Carolina (vice-president, 1960-1961), and American bar associations; American Judicature Society; American College of Trial Lawyers, fellow; and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. House committees: (chairman) Employment Security; (vice-chairman) Election and Election Laws, Judiciary, Roads and Highway Safety. Senate committees: (chairman) Finance, Appropriations; (vice-chairman) Judiciary, Rules. State organizations: Advisory Budget Commission, chairman, 1963-1972; Legislative Counsel, Gov. Robert W. Scott, 1969; Wildlife Resources Commission, chairman, 1948-1949; Study Commission on Legislative Representation, 1955; Commission on Reorganization of State Government, 1957-1959; Commission on Interstate Cooperation, 1963-1965; Richard Caswell Memorial Commission, 1963-; Governor's Commission on Education Beyond High School; Legislative Building Commission, chairman, 1959-; Legislative Council, 1963-1965; Legislative Building Dedication Commission, 1963-1965; North Carolina State Art Museum Building Commission, chairman, 1967-; Legislative Research Commission, 1967; and the Governor's Study Committee on Structure and Organization of Higher Education. County positions: attorney, Lenoir County, 1938-1964. Educational activities: delegate, Legislative Work Conference of Southern Regional Education Board, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1956; Board of Trustees, Consolidated University of North Carolina; and Board of Governors, University of North Carolina, 1971-1977. Memberships: Mason; Moose; and Elks. Episcopalian. First spouse: June 28, 1927. Children: Isabelle White Davis. Second spouse: Virginia Capitola Edwards (Turley), Lenoir County, December 29, 1937. Children: Mrs. Sarah Ellen White Archie; Thomas J. III; and Mrs. Virginia Turley Paulsen (stepdaughter).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1953-1957; 1961-1967.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

WHITE, VERNON ENO (1906-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1969, 1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; Democrat, Fourth District (1969-1972) and the Sixth District (1973-1978), Pitt County.

Born in Hertford County on April 27, 1906, White was one of six children of Charles Thomas White, a farmer and forester from Hertford County, and Emma Dale Liverman of Murfreesboro, Hertford County. He was graduated from Aulander High School in 1925 and received a B.S. degree in 1929 and a B.A. degree in 1931 from Wake Forest College. White worked as a public school teacher and principal from 1929 to 1940. After serving in World War II he returned to Pitt County and has been engaged as a farmer and county official. White also serves as vice-president of Winterville Machine Works, Inc. In the 1977-78 Session White introduced a bill that would provide funds for the construction of a Veterinary School at North Carolina State University. Senate committees: (chairman) Agriculture; (vice-chairman) Wildlife, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Appropriations. County positions: county supervisor, Farmer's Home Administration, 1941-1943; chairman, Pitt County Planning Board; treasurer, Pitt County Development Commission; chairman, Pitt County Draft Board, three years; chairman, Pitt County Board of Health, 1966; and chairman, Pitt County Board of Commissioners, 1966. Boards: (trustee) Pitt Technical Institute, chairman; (trustee and advisor) Chowan College; and (trustee) Shepherd Memorial Library, Greenville. Memberships: Ruritan Club; Kiwanis International and president, Winterville Kiwanis Club, 1963; and Moose. Baptist: chairman, Board of Deacons; and director, Sunday School. Spouse: Louise Ange, Winterville, Pitt County, teacher, August 21, 1931. Children: Charles Vernon. Relatives in General Assembly: Charles Henry Jenkins (deceased, 1958), cousin (Bertie-Senate-1945, 1947).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969-1977.

Questionnaire, January, 1979.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

Article II: A Guide to the North Carolina Legislature. Raleigh: The North Carolina Center For Public Policy Research, Inc., 1978.

WHITE, WILLIAM JOHNSON, SR. (1898-)

House, General Assemblies of *1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Tyrrell County. *Governor Sanford appointed him to the House on December 1, 1961, to replace William C. Cohoon who had resigned.

The son of William White and Victoria Kemp, White was born in Columbia, Tyrrell County, on September 7, 1898. He was graduated from Scuppernong High School in 1918 and attended the University of North Carolina. White taught school for many years in Tyrrell County. As his primary career White owned and managed the Ben Franklin Department Store in Columbia. As a parallel vocation he was involved in governmental administration work at the municipal, county, and state levels. Professional organizations, North Carolina Merchants Association. House committees: (chairman) Printing. County positions: register of deeds, Tyrrell County, 1922-1926; chairman, Tyrrell County Board of Education, 1936-1938; superintendent; Tyrrell County Schools, 1943-1953; president, Southern Albemarle Association; and chairman, Tyrrell County Democratic Executive Committee. Municipal positions: mayor, Columbia, 1927-1931. Memberships: Mason; Order of Eastern Star, worthy patron; and the Columbia Rotary Club, president. Methodist: steward; and Men's Bible Class teacher. Spouse: Veva Merle Collins, November 26, 1925. Children: William J., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1965.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WHITE, WILLIAM STANFORD (1911-)

House, General Assemblies of *1971, 1973-74, 1975-76, and 1977-78; First District, Dare County. *Governor Scott appointed him to the House on January 25, 1972, to replace Archie Burrus who had died in office.

W. Stanford White was born in Windsor, Bertie County, on August 10, 1911. He was the son of William Meady White, a machinist from Windsor, and Alice Elizabeth Snell of Columbia, Tyrrell County. One of four children, White was reared in Columbia and was graduated from Columbia High School in 1929. He studied law enforcement at the Institute of Government, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. As early occupations White was employed as an electrician, law enforcement officer, and owner of an ice plant. He currently owns and serves as president of White's Shopping Center and Motel in Manns Harbor. White has served in every appointive office in Dare County and was instrumental in getting the first electricity and telephone service on the mainland in Dare County. In addition, White helped to secure bridges which eliminated the isolation of the mainland from Roanoke Island. While serving in the General Assembly his main interest was the conservation of wildlife and natural resources in North Carolina. House committees: (chairman) Wildlife, Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on State Parks; (vice-chairman) Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry, Local Government, Transportation, Water and Air Resources. State organizations: North Carolina Marine Council, 1970-. County positions: chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners, 1962-1972. Awards: Governor's Award on Total Development, Gov. Dan K. Moore. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; Ruritan, district lieutenant governor; and Rotary Club, president. Methodist: lay speaker; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Grace Williard Mann, Dare County, co-owner of Whites Shopping Center, May 31, 1936. Children: William Ray; Stanford Meady; and Wade Erwin.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, August, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WHITEHURST, SAMUEL LATHAM (1922-)

House, General Assemblies of 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Craven County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat, Fifth District (1965-1966) and the Third District (1967), Craven County.

Born near New Bern on July 30, 1922, Whitehurst was the son of Fred Hancock Whitehurst and Sallie Tingle. He attended the public schools of Craven County and was graduated from Fishburne Military School. Whitehurst attended North Carolina State College prior to joining the United States Army in January, 1943; he served until December, 1945, and attained the rank of corporal. After his military service he returned to Craven County and farmed. Whitehurst was very active in the affairs of North Carolina State University. He served as director of the N.C. State Alumni Association; held membership on the board of directors of N.C. State University Education Foundation, Inc; served on the N.C. State University Building Committee, 1955-1963; and sponsored bills and amendments in General Assembly that named N.C. State University. Since January, 1968, Whitehurst has held the position of executive director of the North Carolina Soft Drink Association in Raleigh. Professional organizations: Craven County Farm Bureau, president; Dairy Farmers, Inc., president; North Carolina Dairy Foundation, director; Special Study Committee concerning making recommendations to North Carolina Department of Agriculture relative to sales and standards of imitation milk, filled milk, and imitation dairy products; and the North Carolina Milk Commission, area milk board. House committees: (chairman) Veteran's Legislation, Insurance; (vice-chairman) Trustees of the University, Federal and Interstate Cooperation, Military Affairs, Enrolled Bills, Agriculture. Senate committees: (chairman) Highway Safety, State Government; (vice-chairman) Correctional Institutions, University Trustees, Insurance. State organizations: original Legislative Council, 1963-1965; Subcommittee of Personnel which dealt directly with securing forty-hour work week for state employees; University of North Carolina Board of Trustees, 1955-1963; and the North Carolina Public Service Award Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1978; Director, Atlantic-East Carolina Railway. Memberships: Mason and Shriner; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Methodist: steward; trustee; and administrative board. First spouse: Penny Wells (deceased), Raleigh, July 15, 1943. Children: Samuel L., Jr.; Gay Whitehurst Thompson; and Fred Hancock. Second spouse: Carolyn Purser, February 1, 1969. Children: Sarah Jessica.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1953-1967.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

WHITLEY, ADAM JACKSON, JR. (1894-1972)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Eighth District, Johnston County.

Born near Smithfield on April 14, 1894, Whitley was the son of Adam Jackson Whitley, a Johnston County farmer, and Abigail Casey of Wayne County. He attended Smithfield Grammar and High School, 1901-1914, and was enrolled at North Carolina State College from 1915 to 1917. Whitley served in the United States Army during World War I, 1917-1918, and attained the rank of sergeant. As a livelihood Whitley was engaged in farming near Smithfield but had retired prior to his death. He had served as president of the North Carolina State College Agriculture Foundation in 1956 and held membership on its board of directors. In addition, Whitley served on the Advisory Council, School of Agriculture, North Carolina State College, 1959-1960. He held the position of president and director of the Federal Land Bank Association of Smithfield which served Wake, Johnston, and Wayne counties. Whitley died of heart failure on May 19, 1972. Senate committees: (chairman) Agriculture, Mental Health, Salaries and Fees, Propositions and Grievances, University Trustees, Wildlife. State organizations: Governor's Youth Service Commission, 1955-1956; and the State Democratic Executive Committee. County positions: Johnston County, 1966-1972. Memberships: North Carolina Department of American Legion, vice-commander, 1960; Rotary Club; Mason and Shriner; and American Legion. Baptist: deacon; moderator, Johnston Baptist Association; and Religious Liberty Committee, Baptist State Convention. Spouse: Florence Elizabeth Lassiter, Johnston County, February 14, 1923. Children: Adam J. III, Miami, Florida; Dennis, Smithfield; and Leah Lassiter (Mrs. Leah Friedman, Saint Louis, Missouri).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1949-1963.
 Questionnaire, Florence Whitley, wife, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), May 20, 1972.

WHITLEY, CLYDE HAMPTON (1918-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, 1967, and 1969; Republican; Stanly County (1961-1966) and the Thirty-second District (1967-1970), Stanly County.

Clyde Hampton Whitley, the son of M.D. Whitley and Ida Rose Herrin, was born in Stanly County on October 3, 1918. He was graduated from Ridgecrest High School in 1936, and attended I.C.S. Business School, 1940. Prior and during his service in the General Assembly, Whitley worked as a plumbing and heating contractor. Since 1969, however, he has been occupied as a full-time farmer in Stanly County. House committees: Agriculture, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Conservation and Development, Employment Security, Highway Safety, Public Welfare. County positions: Stanly County Commissioner; and Stanly Count Purchasing Agent, 1956-1958. Baptist: teacher; chairman, Church Planning and Building Committee; and Stanly Baptist Executive Committee. Spouse: Opal J. Almond, December 16, 1939. Children: Tony, June, Gail, and Judson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1961-1969.
Updated sketch, March, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

WHITLEY, DANIEL P., JR. (1918-)

House, General Assemblies of 1965-66 and 1967; Democrat, Guilford County (1965-1966) and the Twenty-sixth District (1967), Guilford County.

Whitley was born in Albemarle, Stanly County, on December 2, 1918. He was the son of Daniel P. Whitley, a teacher from the community of Millingport in Stanly County, and Ruth Irene Snotherly, a teacher from Plyler, Stanly County. Whitley attended the public schools of High Point and was enrolled at High Point College from 1934 to 1936. He obtained an A.B. degree in 1938 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and three years later earned an LL.B. from the U.N.C. Law School. Whitley served in the United States Navy during World War II (1941-1945) and the Korean Conflict (1951-1953); he attained the rank of lieutenant commander. Whitley began a law practice at the age of twenty-two and operates a private practice in High Point. Professional organizations: High Point (president, 1960) and North Carolina bar associations; and the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity. House committees: (vice-chairman) Courts and Judicial Districts, Judiciary. County positions: assistant solicitor, Superior Court, Guilford County. Quaker: High Point Friends Meeting; and president, Men of the Meeting, 1958-1959. Spouse: Sally Edgerton, Guilford County, secretary, December 21, 1941. Children: Daniel P. IV; and Ann Edgerton.

Sources: N. C. Manual, 1965-1967.
Questionnaire, April, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WICKER, JUNE SHELTON (1917-1978)

House, General Assemblies of 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Lee County.

One of twelve children, J. Shelton Wicker was born in Sanford on December 10, 1917. His parents were Sion Ambrose Wicker, a merchant from Sanford, and Sally Anne Stone also of Sanford. Wicker attended Sanford Central High School and in 1941 and earned a B.S. degree in agriculture from North Carolina State College. Drafted into the United States Army in December, 1942, he served sixteen months overseas with the 290th Infantry, 75th Division. He left the service in January, 1946, after attaining the rank of first lieutenant. Wicker worked as a wholesale gas and oil jobber in Lee and Harnett counties. He served as president of Wicker Oil Company, Inc., a Shell Oil Company affiliated business in Sanford. Wicker died at Duke Medical Center in Durham on August 6, 1978, after being hospitalized for a circulatory problem. He was buried at Buffalo Cemetery in Sanford. As chairman of the House Finance Committee in 1961, Wicker approved the extension of North Carolina's sales tax to food. In addition, he had fought hard to retain the name of North Carolina State to his alma mater when the merged university system was established. Professional organizations: North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association, president. House committees: (chairman) Finance, Manufacturers and Labor, Justices of the Peace; (vice-chairman) Finance, Trustees of the University, Federal and Interstate Cooperation, Wildlife Resources, Salaries and Fees. State commissions, Advisory Budget. County organizations, Lee County Board of Commissioners. Trustee: University of North Carolina, (1953-1978) Executive Committee; and Central Carolina Technical Institute, Memberships: Lions Club; Elks; Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion; and Lee County Wildlife Club. Methodist. Spouse: Clarice M. Burns, Moore County, August 3, 1942. Children: Mrs. Sharon W. Johnson, Raleigh; Robert A., Greensboro; D. Michael, Dennis A., James A., and John T. (twins), Sanford.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1953-1965.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), August 8, 1978.
The Raleigh Times, August 7, 1978.

WILKIE, CARROLL WELDON (1927-)

Senate, General Assembly of 1969; Republican, Thirty-second District, Henderson County.

The son of Grover Cleveland Wilkie, a farmer from Fletcher, and Jennie G. Dockings of Hendersonville, Wilkie was born in Fletcher on April 27, 1927. He was one of ten children and was graduated from Fletcher High School in 1944. Wilkie served in the United States Army, 1945-1946, prior to earning a B.S. degree from Western Carolina College in 1950. In addition, he studied education at Appalachian State Teachers College and attended Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, in 1956. As an early career Wilkie taught in the public schools, but at the age of thirty-two he began working in the trucking business. He was employed as a sales representative with Thurston Motor Lines in Asheville. Presently, Wilkie serves as a national sales agent for Youngblood Truck Lines in Fletcher and Thurston Motor Lines. As a parallel occupation Wilkie served as a district director for the United States Department of Agriculture. Professional organizations: North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, president. Senate committees: Agriculture; Education; Finance; Local Government; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; Mental Health; Public Utilities. Memberships: Hoopers Creek Community Club, president; Henderson County P.T.A. Council; and Boy Scouts of America, scoutmaster. Baptist. Spouse: Elizabeth Anne Wright, Henderson County, (secretary, politician, artist), March 31, 1953. Children: Stephan Carroll (married Janis Hamilton); and Rebecca Marie. Relatives in General Assembly: L. D. Wilkie, cousin (Jones-House-1868-69, 1869-70); Elizabeth Anne Wilkie, wife (Henderson-Senate-1973-74).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1969; 1973.
 Questionnaire, July, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WILKIE, ELIZABETH ANNE (1931-)
 (MRS. CARROLL WELDON WILKIE)

Senate, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Twenty-seventh District, Henderson County.

The daughter of George Franklin Wright, an engineer from Birmingham, Alabama, and Antonia Byrd Fletcher, a saleswoman from Etowah, Henderson County, Wilkie was born in Hendersonville on December 9, 1931. One of two children, she was descended from English, Welsh, and Irish ancestry. She was graduated from Hendersonville High School and completed one year of postgraduate work in the secretarial field. As an early occupation Wilkie worked as secretary in the law firm of Hartshorn and Coxe in Asheville. Since that time she has been occupied as a housewife, artist, and politician. Wilkie was the first Republican to represent her district since Reconstruction; and she and her spouse (Carroll W. Wilkie) were the only husband and wife to have been elected to the Senate. Senate committees: Appropriations Subcommittee on Health, Welfare, and Institutional Care; Constitution; Correctional Institutions and Law Enforcement; Education; Election Laws; Local Government; Manufacturing; Labor and Commerce; Public Roads; Veterans and Military Affairs; Wildlife. State organizations, North Carolina Commission For Exceptional Children. County positions: chairman, Henderson County Bicentennial Commission. Political activities: secretary-treasurer, Hoopers Creek Republican Party; delegate, North Carolina State Republican Convention; and North Carolina State Republican Party Executive Committee. Publications: As Told To Me, history and genealogy (Henderson County). Memberships: Henderson County P.T.A. Council, president; Henderson County representative, state P.T.A.; Henderson County Arts League, treasurer; Home Extension Club, president; Hoopers Creek Community Development Council, co-founder; and the Western North Carolina Steering Committee; Agricultural Council. Baptist. Spouse: Carroll Weldon Wilkie, Fletcher, sales representative, March 31, 1953. Children: Stephan Carroll (married Janis Hamilton); and Rebecca Marie. Relatives in General Assembly: Carroll Weldon Wilkie, husband (Henderson-Senate-1969); L. D. Wilkie, cousin of husband (Jones-House-1868-69, 1869-70).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969; 1973.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WILLIAMS, STATON PENDER (1908-1970)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1957, 1959, and 1963; Democrat, Nineteenth District, Stanly County.

Born in Robersonville, Martin County, on July 31, 1908, Williams was one of six children of John Lawrence Williams, a farmer and merchant from Robersonville, and Hallie Leary Pender of Tarboro. He was graduated from Robersonville High School in 1927 and received an A.B. degree in 1931 and an M.A. degree in 1935 from Duke University. In 1937 Williams obtained an LL.B. degree from the University of North Carolina Law School. He served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 and attained the rank of lieutenant. Williams had taught briefly in the public schools but decided to make the legal profession his primary career. He practiced law in Albemarle and since 1963 had been associated with the firm of Morton and Williams. He died of a stroke at Stanly County Hospital in Albemarle on December 27, 1970. Williams was buried at Fairview Memorial Park. Professional organizations: Stanly County (president) and North Carolina bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Election Laws and Legislative Representation; (vice-chairman) Insurance, Judiciary. State organizations: North Carolina Veterans Commission, 1949 and 1954. County positions: attorney, Stanly County. Municipal positions: attorney (Albemarle, Norwood, and Oakboro). Political activities: president, Stanly County Young Democrats. Memberships: Albemarle Chamber of Commerce, president; Albemarle Lions Club, president; Woodmen of the World, head consul and consul commander; Veterans of Foreign Wars; and American Legion. Methodist: chairman, board of stewards. Spouse: Margaret Louisa Moyer, Union County, teacher, December 23, 1933. Children: Carolyn L. (Mrs. Jack Lee) and Staton P., Jr.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1957-1963.
 Questionnaire, Margaret M. Williams, wife, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), December 28, 1970.

WILLIAMSON, ARTHUR WILSON (1911-)

House, General Assemblies of 1961, 1963, 1965-66, and 1969; Democrat, Columbus County (1961-1966) and the Thirteenth District (1969), Columbus County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1959, and 1973-74; Democrat, Tenth District (1955-1956; 1959) and the Eleventh District (1973-1974), Columbus County.

Arthur W. Williamson was born in Cerro Gordo, Columbus County, on November 6, 1911. He was the son of Marshall Edgar Williamson, a farmer, and Anna Belle Green, both of Cerro Gordo. Williamson was graduated from Cerro Gordo High School in 1928 and attended Wake Forest College in 1929. He farms and operates an agricultural business in Columbus County. Senate committees: (chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control; (vice-chairman) Public Welfare, Journal. House committees: (chairman) Wildlife Resources, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; (vice-chairman) Irrigation and Drainage, Manufacturers and Labor, Penal Institutions, Conservation and Development, Journal, Wildlife Resources. Federal positions: district supervisor, United States Census, 7th Congressional District, 1950. State organizations, North Carolina Department of Transportation Board. County organizations: Columbus County Board of Commissioners, chairman, 1940-1950; Columbus County Board of Health, 1944-1947; Columbus County Board of Welfare, 1945-1950; and Columbus County Board of Education, chairman, 1953-1954. Baptist. First spouse: Elizabeth Peal, November 6, 1930. Children: five. Second spouse: Catherine Price Rothrock, Henrico County, Virginia, secretary, January 20, 1962.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955; 1959-1965; 1969; 1973.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.



WILLIAMSON, ODELL (1919-)

House, General Assemblies of 1947, 1949, 1953, 1963, 1965-66, and 1967; Democrat, Brunswick County (1947-1950; 1953; 1963-1966) and the Thirteenth District (1967), Brunswick County.

One of eight children, Williamson was born in Ash, Brunswick County, on November 21, 1919. His parents were John Bun Williamson from Columbus County and Love Bennett of Ash; they operated an agricultural business. Williamson was graduated from Waccamaw High School and received specialized training in artillery and flying while serving in the United States Army. He served from 1942 to 1945 and attained the rank of captain in the field artillery. Williamson has worked as an automobile dealer, real estate developer, farmer, and merchant. His primary occupation, however, is in real estate, and he currently operates a business at Ocean Isle Beach and owns several corporations. House committees: (chairman) Congressional Districts, Water Resources and Control, Commercial Fisheries and Oyster Industry; (vice-chairman) Public Buildings and Grounds, Veterans' Legislation, Roads, Senatorial Districts, Penal Institutions. Methodist. Spouse: Virginia Alma Cox, Horry County, South Carolina, saleswoman, November 24, 1940.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1947-1949; 1953; 1963-1967.
Questionnaire, July, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

WILLS, MARSHALL THEODORE (1920-)

House, General Assembly of 1969; Republican, Thirtieth District, Forsyth County.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 31, 1920, Wills was the son of Rev. Alvin Lamar Wills and Helen Lydell Holton of Mason County, Kentucky. One of three children he was reared in Washington, D.C., where he was graduated from Tech High School in 1938. Wills served in the United States Army Signal Corps during World War II and was active in England, France, Germany, and Switzerland. He served from 1942 to 1947 and attained the rank of first lieutenant. Wills was assigned to cryptographic and message centers and assisted in the exchange of war prisoners at Anmasse, France, during 1944. After his military service he continued his education at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he was graduated in 1947. In addition, he attended the Industrial Development Institute, Hall of Advance Studies at the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Wills wrote a thesis entitled "Speculative Industrial Buildings in the Eastern United States", which was published by the American Industrial Development Council. He first resided in North Carolina in 1947. As an early career Wills was employed for five years as North Carolina distributor for Westinghouse Commercial Laundromats. In connection with the above occupation, in 1965 he formed a company called Coin Laundries and Equipment, Inc. Wills helped organize Governor Luther Hodges' industrial tour of Europe with John Harden. He currently heads the commercial department of Brantley Realty & Insurance Company, Inc., in Winston-Salem. Professional organizations: Southern Industrial Council; American Industrial Council; Club 68 (Hodges' European Industrial Tour); North Carolina Real Estate Exchangers; and the local board of realtors. House committees: Banks and Banking; Conservation and Development; Finance, Library, Local Government, Manufacturers and Labor. Memberships: Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, head, Industrial Department; and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Epsilon Delta Chapter, Northwestern University. Christian Science: president; board of directors; and first reader. Spouse: Betty Jean Broughton, Benson, Johnston County, real estate saleswoman, November 7, 1942. Children: Marshall Ward; Graylan Broughton; Barry Lamar; Mary Jeanette; and Helen Lydell.

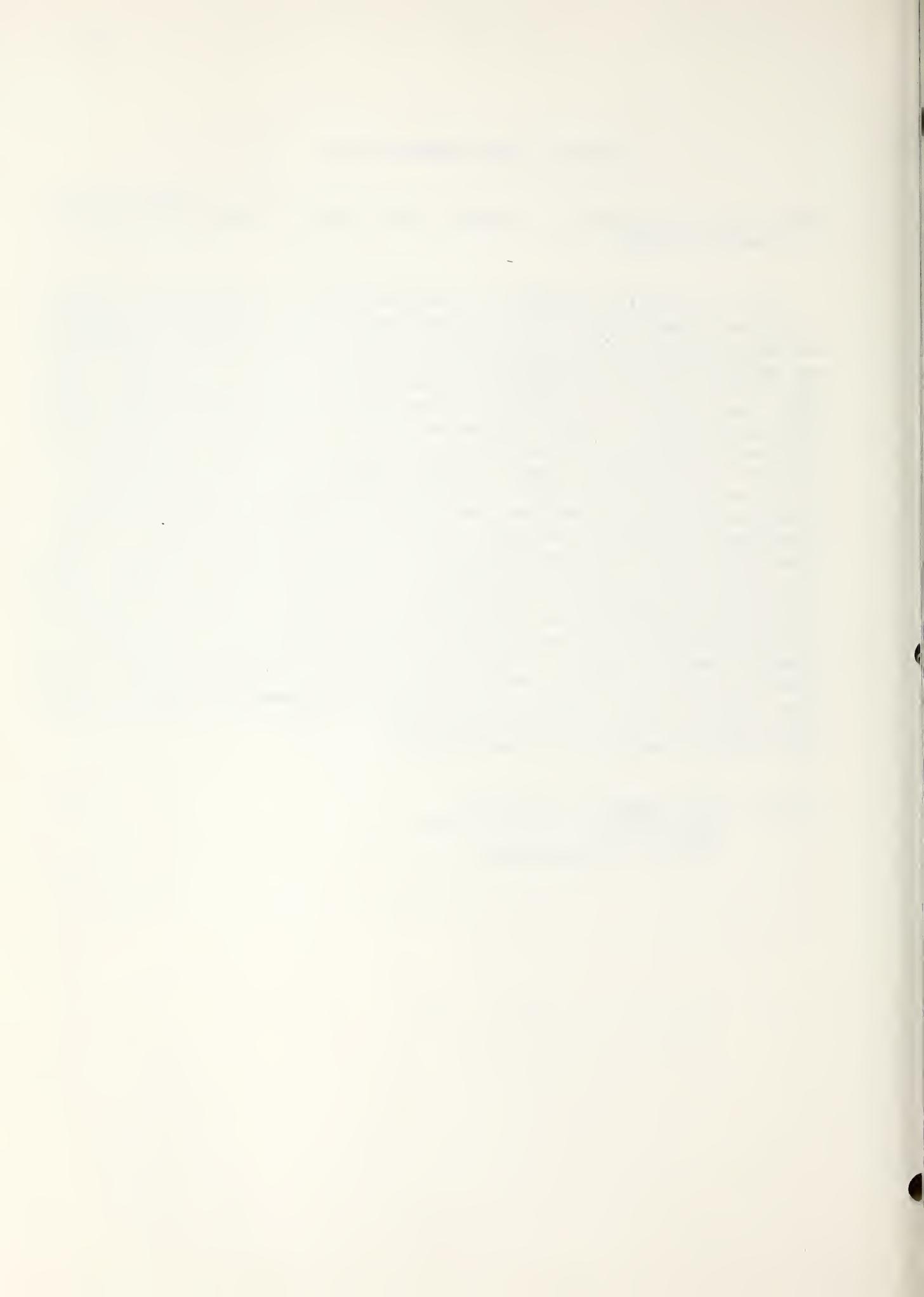
Sources: N.C. Manual, 1969.
 Questionnaire, January, 1979.
 Updated sketch, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WILSON, EDWARD HOWELL (1916-)

House, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Caswell County.

Born in Danville, Virginia, on December 16, 1916, Wilson was the son of William Thomas Wilson, Jr., a farmer from Pittsylvania County, Virginia, and Vela L. Farmer of Halifax County, Virginia. One of three children, he was descended from Irish ancestry. Wilson moved to North Carolina at the age of seven and attended Bartlett Yancey High School in Yanceyville, 1930-1934. He received a B.S. degree in agricultural education from North Carolina State College in 1938. Wilson served in the United States Army during World War II (1941-1946) and the Korean Conflict (1951-1953) and attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was engaged as a farmer and public school teacher until he entered the field of educational administration. Wilson serves as vice-president for Educational Programs, North Carolina Department of Community Colleges. He works in Raleigh and resides in Cary. House committees: (chairman) Education, Manufacturers and Labor, Veterans Legislation; (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Institutions For the Deaf. State commissions: Commission to Study Method of Selection of Trustees of University of North Carolina; and the Commission For Study of Teachers Merit Pay and Implementation of a Revised Public School Curriculum. Memberships: Kiwanis, president; Ruritan, president; and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Presbyterian, elder. Spouse: Jeanette Roach Ziglar, Rockingham County, secretary, June 20, 1942. Children: Edward H., Jr.; James R.; Connie Sue; and Anne Ziglar. Relatives in General Assembly: William Thomas Wilson, grandfather (Virginia-House of Delegates-1897).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955-1963.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

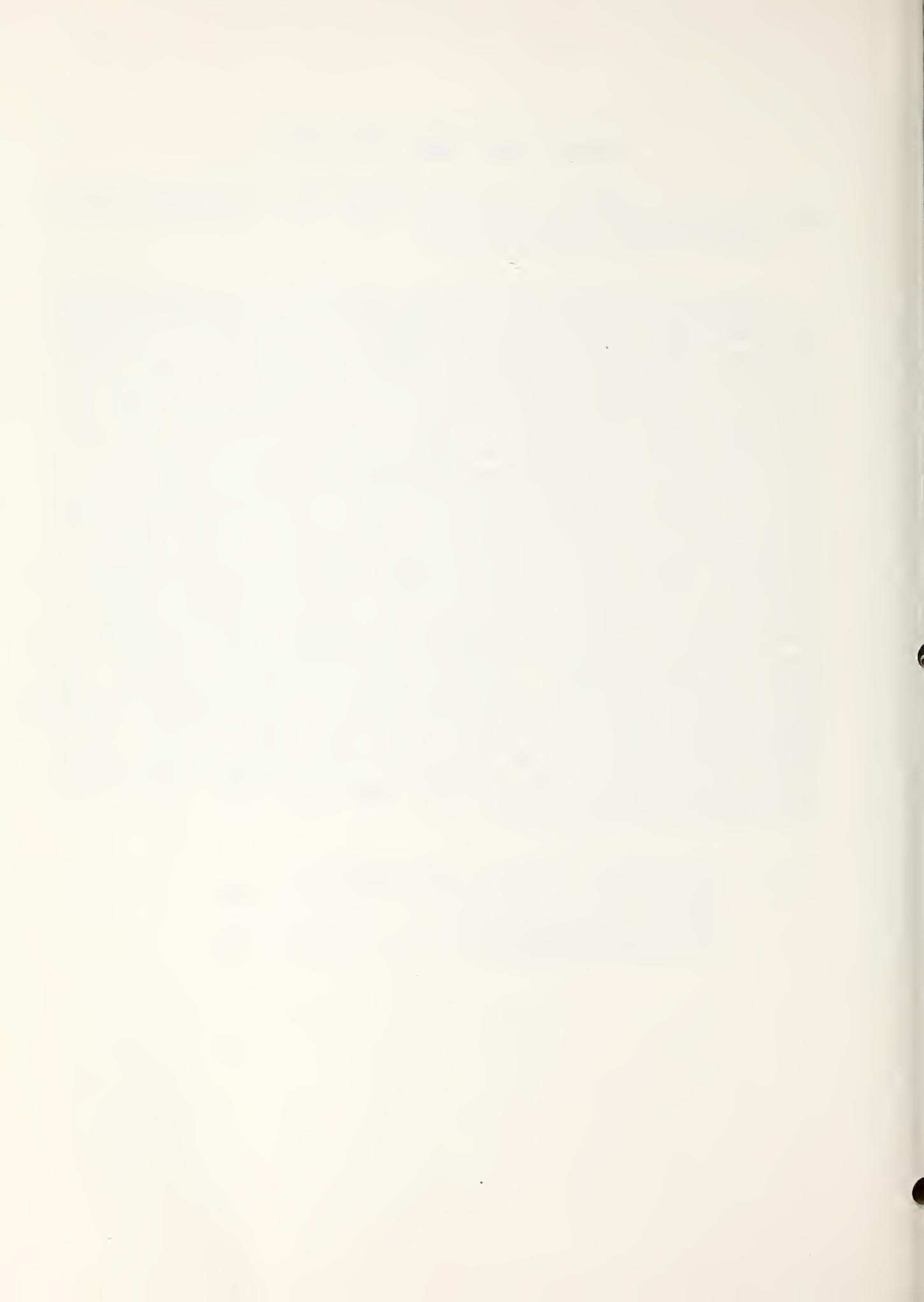


WINSLOW, JULIAN EMMETT (1897-1975)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1949, 1951, 1959, 1961, and 1965-66; Democrat, First District, Perquimans County.

The son of Dr. Charles Cook Winslow and Martha Leigh, Winslow was born in Winfall, Perquimans County, on February 14, 1897. He attended St. Pauls Episcopal School in Beaufort, Carteret County, and was graduated from Perquimans County High School. In addition, Winslow was enrolled at the School of Military Aeronautics, University of Texas. He served as a pilot in the United States Air Corps from December, 1917, to October, 1919, and attained the rank of second lieutenant. For the next five years Winslow served in the United States Reserve Army Air Corps. After leaving the service he immediately began working as an oil jobber and was engaged in this business until his death in 1975. Winslow also operated a hardware business for over forty years, manufactured feed and fertilizer, as well as operated an egg and poultry farm. He died on October 25, 1975. Professional organizations: North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association; North Carolina Hardware Dealers' Association; and the North Carolina Merchants Association. Senate committees: (chairman) Commercial Fisheries; Conservation and Development; Wildlife; Retirement, Employment Security; (vice-chairman) Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce; Public Welfare. State positions: commissioner, First Division, State Highway and Public Works Commission, 1953-1957. County positions: sheriff, Perquimans County, 1932-1946; and the Congressional Committee, 1937-1949. Political activities: delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1952 and 1956; and member, North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee. Memberships: Order of Daedalians (World War I Aviators' Society); Mason and Shriner. Episcopalian, vestry. First spouse: Mary Clarke, 1926. Children: Julian E. Jr.; and Elizabeth Randolph Winslow Cooper (Mrs. Alvin). Second spouse: Lucille Sermons Purser, 1956. Relatives in General Assembly: Edward Leigh Winslow, brother (Perquimans-House-1947, 1949); James Peele Winslow, great uncle (Perquimans-House-1915).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1949-1951; 1959-1961; 1965.
 Updated sketch, Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow, May, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), October 26, 1975.



WINTERS, JOHN WESLEY, SR. (1920-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and *1977; Democrat, Fourteenth District, Wake County. *He resigned June 30, 1977, when Governor James B. Hunt appointed him to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, effective July 1.

Born in Raleigh on January 21, 1920, Winters was one of twelve children of Charlie Winters, a laborer from Raleigh, and Lillie Summerville, a seamstress and native of Warren County. He was reared in Raleigh but moved to New York City at the age of thirteen when his mother died. After he was graduated from Boys High School in New York City in 1939, Winters attended Long Island University, Virginia State College, and Shaw University. In addition, he studied government at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and real estate at Georgia State. Winters was employed in the construction industry and was engaged in land development, real estate, and insurance sales. He served as president and owns the John W. Winters & Company, a residential construction and sales firm in Raleigh. Also he owns Madonna Acres, Inc. Professional organizations: Wake County Homebuilders Association; and the National Association of Home Builders. Senate committees: (chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control; (vice-chairman) State Government. State organizations: Board of Governors, University of North Carolina, elected 1973. Municipal organizations: Raleigh City Council, 1961-1967; and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Merchants Bureau, director. Honors: Doctor of Law degree, Shaw University. Publications: book, Getting It Together. Roman Catholic: Board of Consultants to Bishop, president; and vice-president, Parrish Advisory Council. Spouse: Marie Montague, Wake County, February 3, 1941. Children: Frances W. Carter; John W., Jr.; Donna W. LaRoche; Naomi Regina; Rebecca Joyce; Roland Edward; and Seanne Marie.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.

WISEMAN, MYRTLE ELEANOR (1913-)
 (MRS. SCOTT GREEN WISEMAN)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Thirty-ninth District, Avery County.

Born in Boone on December 24, 1913, Wiseman was the daughter of John Reed Cooper of Newark, West Virginia, and Sidney Marie Knupp of Elizabeth, West Virginia. Her father was employed in the building and construction industry while her mother taught school. One of three children, she attended some high school. Wiseman was engaged in a radio broadcasting career. Affiliated with Radio Station, W.L.S. in Chicago, Wiseman was elected the most popular female radio entertainer (Radio Queen) in the United States in 1936 and 1937. In addition, she was a country musician and was co-writer of two songs that became standards in the country field-- "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" and "Mountain Dew". In addition, she starred in seven movies with her husband and taught home nursing classes for two years and knitting classes for three years. Professional organizations: Country Music Association, Nashville, Tennessee. House committees: (vice-chairman) Water and Air Resources. State organizations, State Library Commission. County organizations, Avery County Democratic Executive Committee. Memberships: Who's Who in America; Order of the Eastern Star; Senior Women's Club; and American Red Cross (chairman, Three County Chapter). Methodist. Spouse: Scott Green Wiseman, Mitchell County, a musician-composer, December 13, 1934. Children: Linda Lou Wiseman Johnston, born 1936; and Steven Scott, born 1940.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1975-1977.
 Questionnaire, April, 1977.

WOOD, GEORGE MATTHEW (1926-)

House, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, Camden County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1967, 1969, and 1971; Democrat, First District, Camden County.

The son of Freshwater Poole Wood and Elsie Griffin (deceased), Wood was born in Camden on April 30, 1926. He was graduated from Elizabeth City High School in 1942 and attended Stanton Military Academy, 1942-1943. Wood was graduated from North Carolina State College with a B.S. degree in agronomy in 1950. He farms, operates a grain business, and produces hogs in Camden County. After serving in the state legislature Wood entered the 1976 Democratic gubernatorial race but was defeated in the first primary by James B. Hunt, Jr. Professional organizations: Carolinas-Virginia Grain and Feed Dealers Association, president; National Grain and Feed Dealers Association, second vice-president; North Carolina Feed Manufacturers Association; North Carolina Pork Producers Association, president; Elevator Explosion and Fire Management Team, chairman; and the Grain Standards Act Advisory Committee, Federal Grain Inspection, United States Department of Agriculture. House committees: (chairman) Journal; (vice-chairman) Higher Education, Trustees of the University. Senate committees: (chairman) State Government, Highway Safety, Congressional Redistricting; (vice-chairman) Conservation and Development, Agriculture, Highway Safety. Educational activities: board of trustees, University of North Carolina, 1963-1972; chairman, board of trustees, North Carolina State University, 1973; president and chairman of the board, North Carolina State University and Alumni Association; board of governors, University of North Carolina, 1973-1976; trustee, North Carolina State University; trustee Boys Home of North Carolina; and Advisory board, Chowan College. Awards and honors: "Outstanding Young Farmer" Award, Area Jaycees, 1961; Meritorious Service Award, North Carolina State University Alumni Association, 1967; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; and Outstanding Service Award, North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents, 1975. Memberships: Gamma Sigman Delta (the honor society of agriculture); Camden Lions Club, charter president; Rotary Club; Elks Club; and Mason and Shriner. Presbyterian: deacon, 1956-1966; and elder, 1956-1973. Spouse: Winifred Jones, August 12, 1950. Children: Gail Wood Rickman; George M., Jr.; David Lloyd; Joanne Jones; and Robert Graham.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1963-1971.

Updated sktech, Juanita D. Staples, secretary, March, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

WOOD, WILLIAM ZENO (1924-)

House, General Assembly of 1961; Democrat, Forsyth County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Twenty-third District, Forsyth County.

William Z. Wood was born in Hamptonville, Yadkin County, on February 15, 1924, and was the son of Walden L. Wood and Mattie Martin. He was graduated from West Yadkin High School in Hamptonville and attended Wake Forest College and Law School. Wood earned an LL.B. degree in 1950 and received a J.D. degree in 1970. In addition, he attended the National Judicial College For Trial Judges, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada, 1972 and 1974. Wood had served in the United States Army Air Force, 1943-1945, and was active in the CBI Theatre. From 1951 to 1954 he also had served in the United States Army Air Force Reserve, Judge Advocate General Corps, and attained the rank of first lieutenant. Wood practiced law in Winston-Salem prior to his election as resident superior court judge, Twenty-first Judicial District in 1972. He currently is serving an eight-year term in this capacity. Wood had served as a special superior court judge, 1971-1972. Professional organizations: Forsyth County Junior (president, 1963), Forsyth County, North Carolina, and American bar associations; Timberlake Chapter, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; Justice Alumni Chapter; North Carolina Conference of Superior Court Judges (Pattern Jury Instructions Committee, 1973-); and the North Carolina Criminal Justice Educational and Training System Council, Superior Court Judges' Representative. Senate committees: (chairman) Veterans and Military Affairs; (vice-chairman) Judiciary. State organizations: North Carolina Veterans Commission, 1964; North Carolina Election Laws Revision Committee, 1966; and North Carolina Railroad, director, 1963. County organizations: Forsyth County Board of Elections, chairman, 1950-1960. Political activities: Wilsonian Democratic Club of Forsyth County, president, 1956; national committeeman, North Carolina Young Democrats, 1957-1958; regional director, Young Democrats of America, 1957-1959; and the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee. Memberships: North Carolina March of Dimes, chairman, 1969-1971; American Legion, commander, 1956-1957; Moose Lodge; Optimist Club, and Mason. Presbyterian: president, Men of the Church; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Whilma Jean Barnette, April, 1946. Children: William Z., Jr.; John Walden; and Martha Susan Collins.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1961; 1965.

Updated sketch, Ginger Carson, secretary, March, 1978.

Cheney, N.C. Government.

WOODARD, BARNEY PAUL (1914-)

House, General Assemblies of 1967, 1973-74, 1975-76, 1977-78; Democrat, Fifteenth District (1967), Johnston County and the Fourteenth District (1973-1978), Johnston County.

Born in Princeton on November 23, 1914, Woodard was the son of John Richard Woodard, a farmer, mail carrier, and teacher from Johnston County, and Elizabeth Wall of Johnston County. One of three children, he was graduated in 1938 from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with a B.S. degree in pharmacy. Upon graduation Woodard began a career as a pharmacist and became the owner of Woodard Pharmacy in Princeton. In addition to his primary occupation he also farmed. Professional organizations: North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association; and the National Association of Retail Pharmacy. House committees: (chairman) Health, Military and Veterans Affairs; (vice-chairman) University of North Carolina Board of Governors Nominating Committee, Higher Education, State Personnel. State organizations, North Carolina State Old Merit Council System. County organizations: Johnston County Mental Health Association, fund chairman and member of executive board. Municipal organizations: town council, Princeton, 1948. Boards: chairman, advisory board, Branch Banking and Trust Company, Princeton. Memberships: Tuscorora Boy Scout Council; Mason (master) and Shriner; Princeton Lions Club, president. Methodist: chairman, board of trustees; and Sunday School teacher. Spouse: Annie Louise Sugg, Princeton, September 6, 1941. Children: Barney P., Jr.; Diane; Michael; and Joy. Relatives in General Assembly: John Hayden Wiggs, cousin (Johnston-House-1951).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1967; 1973-1977.
Questionnaire, December, 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

WOODARD, JOHN RAYNOR (1906-)

House, General Assemblies of 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955-56, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Northampton County.

One of three children, Woodard was born in Pendleton, Northampton County, on July 11, 1906. He was the son of Donald Montral Woodard, a farmer from Pendleton, and Maggie Maddrey of the same town. Woodard attended Buies Creek Academy, 1924-1925, and in 1930 earned a B.S. degree from Wake Forest College. After a brief teaching career Woodard, at the age of thirty-four, began employment as a farmer and merchant in Conway, Northampton County. He currently helps operate the family merchandising and farming business known as Woodard Brothers. House committees: (chairman) Agriculture, Justices of the Peace, Salaries and Fees, Wildlife Resources, Health; (vice-chairman) Counties, Cities and Towns; Agriculture; Salaries and Fees; Trustees of the University, Enrolled Bills. State organizations: North Carolina Highway Commission, personnel officer. County organizations: Northampton County Board of Education, 1942-1943; Northampton County Board of Commissioners, 1943-1948; and Northampton County Farm Bureau, president, 1951-1952. Municipal positions: treasurer, Conway, 1941-1948; mayor, Conway; and town councilman, Conway. Trustee: Chowan College, 1948-1952, chairman, 1952. Memberships: Conway Ruritan Club, president, 1946-1947; Conway Chamber of Commerce, president, 1956; and Mason and Shriner. Baptist: deacon, 1939-1962; Sunday School superintendent, 1940-1946; Sunday School teacher, 1931-1940, 1947- ; church clerk, 1957- ; and chairman, board of trustees, 1953-1964. Spouse: Bernice Norris, Columbus County, June 4, 1933. Children: John R., Jr.; and James Anderson.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1949-1965.
Questionnaire, May, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

WOODARD, THOMAS HADLEY (1901-1966)

House, General Assemblies of 1957, 1959, 1961, and 1963; Democrat, Wilson County.

Born in Wilson on December 3, 1901, Woodard was one of two children of Walter Farmer Woodard, a farmer from Wilson, and Mattie Hadley of Wilson. He attended the public schools of Wilson, Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, 1917-1918, and was graduated in 1920 from Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, Virginia. Woodard earned an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1924. He served as a sergeant in the North Carolina State Guard. After college he entered the insurance business, and formed the firm of Anderson and Woodard in Wilson. During World War II Woodard served as chairman of the War Price and Rationing Board in Wilson County. Later he attained the position of president of this insurance concern which became known as Anderson, Deans and Woodard. In addition to insurance, Woodard farmed and was engaged in the banking field. One of the organizers of the Wilson Industrial Bank and the National Bank of Wilson in 1932, he served as director of the First Union National Bank after the National Bank had merged with First Union. He was instrumental in locating the Eastern North Carolina Deaf School in Wilson, and the administration building bears his name. Woodard died in Wilson on September 4, 1966, after a long bout with cancer. He was buried at the Maplewood Cemetery. Professional organizations: North Carolina State Association of Insurance Agents, director, 1941-1943 and president 1944-1945. House committees: (chairman) Health, Appropriations; (vice-chairman) Public Utilities. State organizations: Advisory Budget Commissioner, chairman, 1962; and the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, president, 1959. County positions: chairman, Wilson County Board of Commissioners, 1935; and president, Wilson County Tuberculosis Association, 1948-1951. Memberships: Wilson Chamber of Commerce, president, 1928; Elks; Moose; and North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati. Methodist. Spouse: Matilda Barnes, Wilson County, 1930. Children: Matilda Woodard Gold.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1957-1963.
 Questionnaire, Matilda Barnes Woodard, wife, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), September 5, 1966.

WOODARD, WILMA CUMMINGS (1934-)
(MRS. WARDEN LEWIS WOODARD, JR.)

House, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Fifteenth District, Wake County. Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., appointed her to the House effective January 18, 1978, to replace Robert L. Farmer who had resigned.

Born in Angier, Harnett County, on November 18, 1934, Woodard was the daughter of Charlie Claud Cummings, a building and construction employee from Harnett County, and Luthera Searcy of Harnett County. She was graduated from North Carolina State College and was enrolled in political science courses at its graduate school. Woodard was engaged as a housewife in Garner prior to becoming a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. She narrowly had lost a bid for a House seat in 1976. County organizations, Wake County CETA Advisory Council. Municipal organizations, Garner Planning and Zoning Board. Political activities: treasurer, Wake County Democratic Party, 1977. Methodist. Spouse: Warden Lewis Woodard, Jr., Currituck County, dentist.

Sources: The News and Observer (Raleigh), January 11, 1978.
Questionnaire, March, 1978.

WRIGHT, HOMER E., JR. (1924-)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Democrat, Twenty-second District, Rockingham County.

The son of Homer E. Wright and Alice Hopper, Wright was born in Leaksville (now Eden) on September 20, 1924. He attended Mars Hill College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. During World War II Wright served in the United States Army, 85th Infantry Division. He is employed as a real estate broker and developer in Eden under the name of The Wright Company. Professional organizations: Society of Real Estate Appraisers; NAHB; and NIREB. House committees: Banks and Banking, Commissions and Institutions For the Blind and Deaf, Education, Finance, Mental Health, Roads, Water and Air Resources. State organizations: North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, director; and the North Carolina Small Business Administration, advisory board. Municipal organizations: Leaksville Planning Board; and the Leaksville Township School Board, trustee. Boards: Rockingham Community College Foundation; and Mars Hill College. Director: YMCA; Eden Chamber of Commerce; and the Rotary Club. Awards: "Tri City Man of the Year", 1965. Memberships: Eden Jaycees, president. Methodist: trustee; and board member. Spouse: Betsy Casteen. Children: Beth, Linda, Edward, Kenan, Martha, and Margaret.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1973.
 Updated sketch, March, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

WRIGHT, OTTIS RICHARD, JR. (1944-)

House, General Assemblies of 1975-76 and 1977-78; Democrat, Ninteenth District, Columbus County.

Born in Loris, South Carolina, on October 8, 1944, Wright was the son of Ottis Richard Wright, a farmer from Tabor City, and Olive E. Battle, a teacher from Nichols, South Carolina. He was reared on a farm near Tabor City and was graduated from Tabor City High School in 1963. Wright received an A.B. degree in political science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1967. He earned a J.D. degree in 1971 from the U.N.C. Law School. After a brief teaching career, at the age of twenty-six, Wright was admitted to the State Bar and began a law practice. He serves as a partner in the firm of McGougan and Wright in Tabor City. In addition, Wright operated a farm as a second occupation. Professional organizations: Columbus County, North Carolina, and the Thirteenth Judicial District (director) bar associations; North Carolina Tobacco Producers Association, director; the Columbus County Cattleman's Association; and the Columbus County Farm Bureau. House committees: (chairman) Employment Security; (vice-chairman) Education, Courts and Judicial Districts. County organizations: Columbus County Mental Health Association, director; and the Columbus County Fine Arts Council. Municipal positions: attorney, Tabor City and Fair Bluff; Wall Street Investment Club, president; and the Tabor City Investment Club, director. Educational activities: chairman, Columbus County Morehead Scholarship Committee; and vice-president, Columbus County U.N.C. Alumni Association. Methodist: Council of Ministries; and the administrative board. Spouse: Jenny McKinnon, Rowland, Robeson County, art teacher, September 25, 1977. Relatives in General Assembly: Issac Wright, distant cousin (Bladen-Senate-1811, 1812, 1813; House-1825-26); William Wright, distant cousin (Duplin-House-1828-29, 1829-30, 1830-31, 1831-32); Marshall M. Harrelson, great great uncle (Columbus-House-1895); and Rose Crance Harrelson, cousin (Columbus-Senate-1943).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1975-1977.
Questionnaire, March, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
The News and Observer (Raleigh), October 2, 1977.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

WYNNE, ROBERT WEBB (1937-)

House, General Assemblies of 1971 and 1973-74; Democrat, Nineteenth District (1971) and the Fifteenth District (1973-1974), Wake County.

Senate, General Assembly of 1977-78; Democrat, Fourteenth District, Wake County.

Born in Raleigh on September 24, 1937, Wynne was the son of Robert Webb Wynne, Jr., and Marion Womble. He was graduated from Needham B. Broughton High School in 1955 and earned an A.D. degree from Davidson College in 1959. Wynne served in the United States Army Counter Intelligence Corps from 1959 to 1961 and attained the rank of first lieutenant. After the service he was enrolled at the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, 1963-1964. Wynne presently holds the position of president of Brown-Wynne Funeral Homes, Inc. Professional organizations: North Carolina and National funeral directors associations; Order of Golden Rule; National Selected Morticians; Interstate Cooperation Commission and Council of State Governments, 1971-1974; Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 1973-1974; and National Legislative Conference, 1973-1974 (vice-chairman, Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee and member, Intergovernmental Relations Committee). House committees: (chairman) Correctional Institutions; (vice-chairman) Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government and Transportation. Senate committees: (chairman) Higher Education. State organizations: North Carolina Tax Study Commission, 1969-1973; and the North Carolina Citizens Task Force on Public Education, 1972. Boards: (visitor) Peace College, 1975-1976; Raleigh Lions Club For the Blind, 1973-1976; Salvation Army, 1968-1974; Raleigh Jaycees Zoological Foundation, 1966-1968; Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, 1968-1970 and 1972-1973; Rex Hospital Foundation, 1969-1973; Hilltop Home For Retarded Children, 1968-1973; and the North Carolina Easter Seal Society, 1972-1973. Political activities: delegate, Town Council, Arlington, Massachusetts, 1960; and the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee, 1974-1976. Memberships: Raleigh Jaycees, president, 1968-1969; Raleigh Lions Club, vice-president, 1975-1976; and Wake County Chapter, North Carolina Symphony Society, president, 1969-1970. Awards and honors: "Young Man of the Year", Raleigh, 1969; "One of the Five Outstanding Young Men in North Carolina", 1969; "The Outstanding Local Jaycee President in North Carolina", 1968-1969; and "One of the Outstanding Local Presidents in United States", 1968-1969. Methodist: North Carolina Conference, Long Range Planning Committee, 1968-1972; chairman, Commission on Finance, 1969; Youth Coordinator, 1970-1971 and superintendent, Church School, 1971-1973. Spouse: Margaret (Maggie) Hamblen, 1958. Children: Elizabeth Brookshire; Dana Woodson; Rebecca Morton; and David Allen Biggs. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert Webb Wynne, Sr., grandfather (Wake-Senate-1876-77, 1881; House-1879-80).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1971-1973; 1977.
Cheney, N.C. Government.

YATES, ORAL LOVE (1902-)

House, General Assemblies of 1951 and 1959; Democrat, Haywood County.

Senate, General Assemblies of 1963 and 1965-66; Democrat, Thirty-second District (1963), and the Thirty-fifth District (1965-66), Haywood County.

Born in Waynesville on July 20, 1902, Yates was the son of Dock Pearson Yates, a farmer from Hot Springs, Madison County, and Emma Jane Queen of Waynesville. Reared on a farm Yates was graduated from Clyde High School in 1919. He attended Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, 1919-1921, and Cecil's Business College, 1921-1922. Yates worked as a railroad employee, farmer, and state government administrator. He was employed with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture (Weights and Measures section) and regulated the useage of weights and measures. In addition, Yates worked as a district representative for the Farm Bureau. Professional organizations: Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks; Haywood County Farm Bureau, president, 1949-1950; Haywood County Farm Bureau, director, 1958-1962; and the North Carolina Farm Bureau, District Seven, director. House committees: (chairman) Journal; (vice-chairman) Agriculture. Senate committees: (chairman) Wildlife, Election Laws and Legislative Representation; (vice-chairman) Agriculture, Public Utilities. County positions: director, Haywood County Mental Health Association; and director, Haywood County Civil Defense. Memberships: Kiwanis Club, lieutenant governor; and the Waynesville Red Cross. Methodist: district steward; teacher; Sunday School superintendent; and lay speaker. Spouse: Pearl Justice, Haywood County, 1935. Children: Emma Yates Stout; and Oral L. Jr. Relatives in General Assembly: Robert G. A. Love, great grandfather (Haywood-House of Commons-1848-49, 1850-51, 1852, 1854-55).

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1951; 1959; 1963-1965.
 Questionnaire, February, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.

YORK, FRED BRANTLEY (1900-1974)

House, General Assembly of 1965-66; Democrat, Alexander County.

Born in Alexander County on October 14, 1900, York was the son of Keener Wood York and Stella Blaine Beckham. He was graduated from Stoney Point High School in 1918 and attended Rutherford College, 1918-1919, and Kings Business College, Charlotte, 1919-1920. York was employed as a poultryman in Taylorsville. He had served as register of deeds and county accountant in Alexander County from 1926 to 1934. In addition, York held the position of deputy United States marshal, Western District of North Carolina, 1934-1938. Since his term in the General Assembly he had been in declining health and was unable to be active in public affairs. York died in Alexander County Hospital on July 5, 1974, and was buried in Taylorsville Cemetery. House committees: Commissions and Institutions For the Blind, Conservation and Development, Federal and Interstate Cooperation, Finance, Mental Institutions, Public Utilities, Water Resources and Control, Wildlife Resources. Memberships: Mason; and Taylorsville Lions Club. Presbyterian: Men's Bible Class teacher; and ruling elder. Spouse: Hixie McLeod, January 22, 1931. Children: Martha (Mrs. Stanley Boyle), Blacksburg, Virginia.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965.
Updated sketch, Mrs. Fred York, May, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.
Statesville Record & Landmark, July 6, 1974.

YOW, CICERO PRESTON (1914-)

Senate, General Assemblies of 1955-56, 1959, and 1963; Democrat, Ninth District, New Hanover County.

Cicero P. Yow was born in Randolph County on December 24, 1914. His parents were Amos Yow, a farmer and merchant from Chatham County, and Cassie Langley of Randolph County. Reared on a farm, he attended Wake Forest College and earned an LL.B. degree from this institution in 1942. Yow served in the United States Air Force, 1942-1943. After working in the field of transportation services he began a law practice at the age of twenty-seven. Specializing in corporate law, he is affiliated with the firm of Yow and Yow, Attorneys, in Wilmington. Professional organizations: New Hanover County (president, 1951) and North Carolina bar associations. Senate committees: (chairman) Judiciary; Counties, Cities and Towns; Calendar; (vice-chairman) Appropriations. Federal positions: First Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of North Carolina, 1951-1954. County positions: solicitor, New Hanover County, 1948-1952; and attorney, New Hanover County, 1954-1955. Municipal positions: attorney, Wilmington, 1955-. Memberships: Mason and Shriner. Episcopalian: vestryman, 1950-1953 and 1956-1959. Spouse: Mary Elizabeth Hardwicke, New Hanover, March 15, 1958. Children: Elizabeth Nixon.

Sources: N.C. Manual: 1955; 1959; 1963.
Questionnaire, February, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.

ZAHNER, KENYON BENEDICT, JR. (1930-)

House, General Assembly of 1973-74; Republican, Thirty-seventh District, Catawba County. Governor Holshouser appointed him to the House on June 29, 1973, to replace Robert Q. Beard who had resigned.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia, on January 17, 1930, Zahner was the son of Kenyon Benedict Zahner, a lawyer from Athens, Georgia, and Harriet Loyer Lawton of Charleston, South Carolina. He attended the public schools of Macon County, North Carolina, and was enrolled at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 1949-1951. Zahner served in the United States Army with the Seventh Army Intelligence and attained the rank of sergeant. Next he entered North Carolina State College where he earned a B.S. degree in animal industry in 1955. After graduation he moved to Catawba County and operated a poultry farm in the Balls Creek Section until 1961. Zahner then began a career in the insurance business, joining the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston. He studied insurance at the American College of Life Underwriters. Zahner maintains an office in Hickory and specializes in estate planning. Professional organizations: Catawba Valley Association of Life Underwriters, president, vice-president, secretary and board of directors; North Carolina State Bar Association, Disciplinary Hearing Commission; American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters; National Association of Securities Dealers, registered representative; and the Income and Capitol Associates, Inc., of Charlotte, vice-president. House committees: (vice-chairman) Alcoholic Beverage Control, Corrections. State organizations: North Carolina Commercial and Sports Fisheries Committee, chairman; and Tax Study Committee. Political activities: chairman, Catawba County Republican Executive Committee, 1966-1971; and member, State Republican Executive Committee. Awards: "Man of the Year", Catawba Valley Association of Life Underwriters, 1972. Memberships: Newton-Conover Jaycees; and the Catawba County Farm Bureau. Episcopalian: senior warden; lay chairman; and trustee, Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. Spouse: Jane Linn Henley, Birmingham, Alabama, administrator. Children: five.

Sources: Questionnaire, December, 1977.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Red Book, North Carolina State Bar.

ZICKGRAF, WILLIAM GRANT (1935-)

House, General Assembly of *1965; Democrat, Macon County. *He resigned on October 22, 1965, and Governor Moore appointed Charles C. Sutton on November 11, 1965, to replace him.

Born in Hendersonville on November 1, 1935, Zickgraf was one of four children of Louis Grant Zickgraf of Arcola, Georgia, and Thelma Elizabeth Camp of Hendersonville. His father worked in the field of forestry and wood products. Zickgraf attended Franklin High School, 1950-1954, and earned a B.S. degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1958. While in college he was an all-American swimmer and a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Like his father he worked in the wood products industry and served as manager and later president of Nantahala Lumber Company in Franklin. Zickgraf currently is affiliated with Seacoast Building Centers--a Conway, South Carolina firm that supplies building materials to builders and the general public. In addition, he serves as a minister in the Mormon Church. Professional organizations, Carolina Lumber and Building Supply Association. House committees: Conservation and Development, Employment Security, Finance, Library, Manufacturers and Labor, Water Resources and Control, State Government, State Personnel. County organizations: Macon County Industrial Board. Mormon: high councilman. First spouse: Geraldine Robinson, January 30, 1957. Children: Beth; and David. Second spouse: Marla Dee Zickgraf, Cassia County, Idaho.

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1965.
Questionnaire, April, 1978.
Cheney, N.C. Government.



ZOLLICOFFER, ALGERNON AUGUSTUS, JR. (1924-)

House, General Assemblies of 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, and 1965-66; Democrat, Vance County.

Born in Henderson on March 6, 1924, Zollicoffer was the son of Algernon Augustus Zollicoffer, an automobile salesman from Henderson, and Fannie Spotswood Cooper of Henderson. He attended Henderson High School, 1937-1940, and McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1940-1941. Zollicoffer served in the United States Navy Reserve from 1943 to 1946 and attained the rank of lieutenant junior grade. After his military service he earned a B.S. degree in commerce from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1947. Next, Zollicoffer completed his legal education at the U.N.C. Law School in 1950. While at U.N.C. he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Delta Phi and served on the board of editors of the North Carolina Law Review, 1948-1949. Admitted to the State Bar in 1950, Zollicoffer began practicing law at the age of twenty-six. Presently he is affiliated with the firm of Zollicoffer and Zollicoffer in Henderson. Professional organizations: Vance County (president, 1966-1967), North Carolina (board of governors, 1959-1962), and American bar associations. House committees: (chairman) Appropriations, Constitution; (vice-chairman) Judiciary, Trustees of the University, Courts and Judicial Districts, Irrigation and Drainage. State organizations: North Carolina Judicial Council, 1959-1960; North Carolina Court Commission, 1963-1970; Speaker Bar Committee; and the Advisory Budget Commission, 1965-1966. County positions: prosecuting attorney, Vance County Recorders Court, 1955-1956. Municipal positions: attorney, Henderson. Episcopalian. Spouse: Jane Crichton Lewis, Northampton County, April 11, 1953. Children: Jane Crichton; Allison Caulaincourt; and Fannie Cooper. Relatives in General Assembly: Allen (Allison) Caulain Zollicoffer, grandfather (Vance-Senate-1905; Halifax-Senate-1931).

Sources: N.C. Manual, 1957-1965.
 Questionnaire, January, 1978.
 Cheney, N.C. Government.
Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, 1978.





